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Barak: Labor should oppose **Palestinian**

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The Labor Party should not change its November 1991 platform which opposes a Palestinian state, Foreign Minister Ehud Barak told reporters last night. Barak's remark comes as voices within the Labor Party have called for the clause on opposition to a Palestinian state to be stricken.

"I think we should leave our platform the way it is, which calls for opposition to a Palestinian state," he said. Barak said he expects his view to prevail, saying a struggle over these issues could hunt the party.

There should be no additional state between Israel and the Jordan River," the 1991 Labor platform reads.

Barak also called for the Labor platform to include an "overwhelming majority" of settlers who live in settlements in the territories that would remain under Israeli sovereignty. He mentioned "Gush Etzion, Ma'alch Adumim, Pisgat Ze'ev, Givat Ze'ev, western Samaria, and parts of northern

Furthermore, Israel would remain sovereign over "united Jerusalem, full stop," he said. He called his views "an extended Allon Plan," referring to former foreign minister Yigal Allon, who favored partition of the territories.

Barak insisted that the Labor platform would remain different from the Likud's, because "We would make clear that we want to separate" from the Palestinians, while the Likud "still wants to use a variety of levers to control their,

Barak insisted the document fie favors is not designed to win over in the past. "Everything we put in the platform must stand up not only with the voters, but also in negotiations. The public must be told the truth. The Liked might say they can keep all the territories not held by the Palestinians. But the public is not a banch of

On the topic of Syria, Barak insisted that the Labor platform state that there be no decisions on Golan withdrawal until Israel has first obtained from the Syrians prior commitments on the "quality of peace, such as normalization, security arrangements, economic cooperation, extent of peace from other Arab countries, arrangements for southern Lebanon, and water."

idiats."

On the Golan, the 1991 Labor platform reads, "Territorial compromise is also possible on the

Golan Heights." Meanwhile, Israel's top negotiator said in Amman on Tuesday that a breakthrough in peace negotiations with Syria is unlikely before the early elections in May. Uri Savir, head of the negotiat-

ing team with Syria, said the two Middle East neighbors are still "far away from reaching an agreement" because of serious differ-

"There's no single easy issue in the negotiations with Syria," Savir, director-general of the Foreign Ministry, told a news con-

The toughest issues - which are security, withdrawal, and water - are still ahead of us," he said at the end of a two-day visit.



ADruse toy in Majdal Shains puts the Syrian flag on a statue in the village during yesterday's gen- list of absence MKS

IDF denies reports of Sagger missile just missing Vilnai in security zone

THE IDF last night denied reports from Lebanon that Hizbullah gunmen had fired a Sagger missile which narrowly missed a convoy with Deputy Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilnai aboard inside

the security zone. News agencies quoting sources in the security zone said the Sagger missile had been fired at Vilnai's motorcade near Beit Yahoun in the zone's western sector yesterday afternoon.

The security sources, quoted in the agency reports, said nobody was hurt in the ambush and Vilnai later met and had lunch with senior South Lebanese Army officer Col. Akel Hashem in Bint J'bail village.

The army spokesman said Vilnai carries out regular visits to IDF units, including those deployed in south Lebanon. The incident referred to, said the spokesman, did not occur in his

Hizbullah issued jubilant statements following the news agency report that its gunmen had come **DAVID RUDGE**

so close to hitting Vilnai. In fact, the Sagger missile in question was apparently fired at an SLA position a long distance away and not at the convoy.

The organization was also believed to be responsible for long-range mortar and rocket attacks later in the afternoon at SLA positions in the Rashaf area, in the zone's western sector and around Almane in the east. There were no casualties in any of the

Meanwhile, Lebanese newspapers yesterday carried a photograph taken from a video film screened the previous night on Hizhullah's television station of the bomb attack by its gummen on Monday, in which two SLA soldiers were killed and another moderately wounded.

According to the reports, Hizbullah had planted an explosive device in a building in Tair Harfa village, in the western sector, which they knew was used as an observation post by SLA

The device was apparently detonated, according to the reports, as the soldiers went inside. The photograph showed the explosion

în detail. The cameraman must have been in the vicinity, well inside the zone, indicating that the whole operation, from the intelligence gathering about the SLA's movements to the planting and detonating of the bomb, was carried out with the cooperation of local resi-

dents or even SLA deserters. Recent reports revealed that 200 SLA soldiers deserted in the past two years - 94 in 1994 and 106 last year - and some defected to the ranks of Hizbullah and its

rival, the Amal Shi'ite movement. The possibility cannot be ruled out that some of those who defected may be passing on information to Hizbullah about IDF and SLA movements and activities in the

Knesset takes first steps to dissolve

THE Knesset took the first step towards dissolving itself yesterday, despite having no fixed date for the early elections.

Five separate bills calling for the Knesset's dissolution passed preliminary reading by unusually large majorities, ranging from 92-3 to 87-2. The consistent naysayers in the plenum were MK Tamar Gozansky (Hadash) and Moledet-breakaway MK Shaul Gutman (Yemin Yisrael), in a rare occurrence of joint opposition. The bills were forwarded to the Knesset Law Committee.

The final date on which the nation goes to the polls will probably not be known until next week. Prime Minister Shimon Peres brought the matter up at the Labor ministerial caucus yesterday, but the ministers decided to defer the question to the Labor elections team – Interior Minister Haim Ramon, Justice Minister David Liba'i, Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal, party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli, and Knesset

faction head Ra'anan Cohen. This team is to take up the issue with opposition parties, but the meetings have only been scheduled for next week. Hence no date can be picked earlier than Monday. in the Knesset, Ramon called for the earliest elections possible, given the current technical

He called on the religious parties to withdraw their objections to holding elections before June 4, saying the later date would actually cause more religious desecration than the earlier suggestion of May 21. According to Ramon, if the elections are held June 4, camSARAH HONIG and LIAT COLLINS

paigning will take place over Shavuot "causing mass desecration, at least by the secular." Cohen said there is room for

compromise on the date and accused the Likud of lacking any alternative diplomatic or political Likud faction chairman Moshe Katsav told the plenum the Knesset should be dissolved and

elections held on June 4, because the government is unable to function "and has failed in two main areas: the final arrangements with the Palestinians and the negotiations with Syria, as well as the breakdown of the country's economy." He said the government does not have a mandate from the public, cannot be trusted, and the June 4 date is the most suitable. Meretz faction chairman Ran

Cohen called for elections on May 28, saying his party is convinced the country is already in pre-elec-tion fever and the Knesset will not be able to function properly if the original October election date - six months after the party primary - is retained. He said the diplomatic negotiations would continue despite the the early elections. He also recalled Yasser Arafat's promise to cancel the Palestinian

Gozansky said bringing the elec-tions forward might harm the diplomatic process and would waste time that could be used to promote peace. She warned against a political culture "ruled by decisions based mainly on market research surveys and the personal aspirations of tailors and suit mak-

Peres told the ministers that he personally favors the May 28 option. He claimed, however, that June 4 is also not without its drawbacks. University students wrote to me that they have exams on June 18, which may become the runoff election date in the event of

a second round in the prime minis-

terial race. They begged that we not do something so awful to them as to choose such a date." But members of the Labor elections team indicate that Labor is quite ready to go for the June 4 date, but will not let the opposition have it so easily. Labor is demanding a price in the form of no politi-cal advertising on Channel 2 and abolition of the law forbidding the

dates in newscasts a month prior to the elections. The Likud says that this will give Labor an immense advantage, as the media is already left-leaning, and it also objects to political messages being relegated only to the lower rating Channel 1.

As things appeared yesterday,

electronic media to show candi-

Labor will be ready to go to the polls on June 4 if Channel 2 remains free of political ads, but will settle for only three weeks of no politicians in news broad-

To up the ante, Labor sources contended that not only will the Labor elections team not agree to June 4, but will demand the May 21 date, even earlier than that Peres claims he is after.

The National Religious Party says that its aim is to avoid the proximity to Shavuot and it would be willing to agree to May 14, but under no circumstances to May 21

Aryeh Gamliel tops

LIAT COLLINS

SHAS MK Aryeh Gamliel missed 18 out of 36 summer sessions of the Knesset, according to a report issued yesterday by the Knesset Ethics committee.

MKs who skipped special summer sessions are being made to pay for it this month, literally. Those who missed more than 12 of the 36 meetings without adequate excuses will have a certain amount deducted from their

Leading offender Gamliel lost four days' pay. He is followed by Yitzhak Shamir (Likud), who was absent from 13 meetings and lost one day's pay. Shamir was also among the greatest absentees from the special winter session

In third place on the summer hooky list is Interior Minister Haim Ramon, who missed 12 meetings. Ramon also missed a larger-than-permitted number of sessions the previous summer and

winter breaks. He also was fined one day's pay.

Michael Eilan (Likud), mean-

while, submitted a bill calling for the Knesset to begin holding only weekly sessions in two weeks time. "There's no point in meetings when most of the MKs are not in the House, but busy struggling for their places in the next one," he said.

Despite the high turnout for the vote on early elections, the discussion on the bill started with only four MKs present and Minister without Portfolio Yehuda Amital

the only cabinet member there. A later discussion was interrupted for a unscheduled 15-minute break, when Deputy Speaker Anat Maor said she could not stay in the chair longer than her allotted slot because she had appointments, and her replacement, Ovadia Eli, was at Israel Radio for an interview. Eventually, Esther Salmovitz was

Anti-Peres working paper revealed

SARAH HONIG and HERB KEINON

A DOCUMENT detailing Likud. National Religious Party, and the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza cooperation in a plan to personally attack Prime Minister Shimon Peres during the election campaign was revealed last night on Channel 2.

The working paper, prepared by among others, Eyal Arad, an adviser to Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu, called for a campaign that would last two months and cost NIS2.5 million.

The paper stated that the goal of the campaign is to bring the Likud and Netanyahu to power, and the means to achieve this is to personally attack Peres in an organized manner, using the settlement council as the active

Netanyahu aide Shai Bazak maintained that the "Likud has no intention of launching a personal ouslaught against Peres. Our campaign will be geared to highlighting the differences in policy and outlook between us and the left." He added that Arad, cited as the man behind the plan, is a private business-

But Labor secretary-general Nissim Zvilli charged that "this is proof that the Likud is yet again teaming up with the dangerous extreme right.
Apparently the Likud has learned nothing from the Rabin

The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza categorically denied charges that it has been given the task in the "national camp" of smearing Peres.

Aharon Domb, the council's spokesman, said that "as someone who is in the middle of the council's campaign staff, and who knows every document and suggestion that comes out of the staff.

say that the reports are nonsense." Domb said that such a document does not exist, and that it is an apparent attempt to besmirch the settlement council and the "national camp."

The council has said that it will mobilize its organizational apparatus on behalf of Netanyahu, and a number of council activists have been drawing up strategy for the last

IDF Ombudsman: Soldiers motivation in decline

"THERE is a decline in the motivation of IDF soldiers today over that

of previous years," IDF Ombudsman Brig.-Gen. (res.) Aharon Doron

"Without a doubt, there has also been a change in Israeli society's perception of the army and of military service - and this has no connection with motivation. I think that there has been a decline in the status accorded to the army by the people." Doron made these comments in presenting the ombudsman's annual

report to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

ADL: Antisemitic incidents down

Vardi quits 'Yediot'

MOSHE Vardi last night announced his resignation as editor of Yediot Aharonot at a stormy

meeting of the paper's staff. At the meeting, which was closed to the media, Vardi gave his version of events surrounding the wiretapping case for which he has been indicted, then announced he was stepping down from his post, giving his letter of resignation to the paper's directorate and works

The staffers asked him to stay on and fight the charges in court, but Vardi said they should take their case to the paper's management.

Noah Klieger, a veteran Yedior reporter, told Channel 1: "There has never been such a witch-hunt in Israel or anywhere in the media abroad, which is why Vardi decided not to suspend himself, but

rather to step down." Klieger said the meeting was continuing, with members of the directorate seeking "a few days [to consider the matter].

"The reactions to his resignation were very, very emotional and moving," he said. "Almost everyone stands behind Vardi, and would like him to stay on as editor. No one supported his resignation."

The directorate of the National Federation of Israel Journalists had met earlier in the day to discuss its decision that "a journalist indicted for a crime deemed to cause public disgrace must suspend himself until the end of legal proceedings."

The discussion centered around the indictment filed against Vardi. Representatives of the paper's journalists' committee had asked the federation directorate to allow Vardi to appear before it.

The request had been approved, and a decision regarding Vardi was to have been made at a special session next Wednesday.

Jews and Jewish institutions in the US fell significantly in 1995, in what was the first decline in three years and the largest drop in a

decade, the Anti-Defamation League reported yesterday. A total of 1,843 incidents were reported to the ADL, an 11 percent decrease from the 1994 total of 2,066, the organization said in its "1995 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents." The drop mirrors the

national trend of a decline in However, reports of cemetery desecrations, which increased in 1995 to 22 incidents, were an exception. There were 1.116 acts of personal assault and harassment, and 727 acts of vandalism, the ADL said.

The ADL audit was compiled from reports from 42 states and the District of Columbia. The data may not correlate directly with **MARILYN HENRY NEW YORK**

police statistics, which use different parameters to classify incidents as bias. Harassment covers a wide vari-

ety of intimidating and hostile acts, including slurs against Jews and threatening telephone calls, the ADL said. While many are not crimes, they constitute overt and painful expressions of antisemitic hatred.

"No act should be viewed as trivial, including antisemitic rhetoric," said David H. Strassler, national chairman of the ADL.

The states with large Jewish populations have the highest totals antisemitic incidents - New York (370), California (264), New Jersey (228), and Florida (152). During 1995, 108 individuals in

tion to antisemitic hate crimes. Neo-nazi skinheads were associated with 17 incidents against Jewish individuals, institutions, and property, the ADL said.

14 states were arrested in connec-

Of the 727 acts of vandalism, the number of incidents committed against public property - public schools, bridges and sign posts (362) - was more than twice that committed against synagogues and other Jewish targets (145), with the remainder (220) aimed at private property, according to the

"The overall decline of antisemitic incidents, the first in three years and the largest in 10 is encouraging," said Abraham Foxman, the ADL's national director.

"We hope this is the beginning of a trend away from antisemitic acts," he said. "But we must remain vigilant."



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Foul-ups halt comparison of party membership lists

IT WILL only be next week when names registered in more than one party become known. The process of comparing party membership rolls was to begin and end yesterday morning, but it will take longer.

A simple computer scan, which should have taken several hours at most, resulted in wrangles, accompanied by technical hitches and human error.

But the crunch came when many small parties simply failed to turn in their membership rolls at the appointed time. The registrar of parties finally gave up and announced that the results will only be in next week.

The process was necessitated by legislation growing out of the primary system. The idea is to weed out those who registered for more than one party, prior to deciding who is eligible to vote in the primaries of a given party. Those whose name appears on more than membership list will be notified in writing

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days which party they choose. They will be eligible to participate in the primaries only if they reply in time.

The first surprise was sprung by the Likud. After Labor had brought in a computer disk with 280,000 names, the Likud entered with 291,000. This made Labor representatives angry, as they had expected only 187,000 Likud members. It turned out that the Likud had included not only dues-paying members.

Labor and Meretz representatives screamed foul, charging the Likud was trying to "steal" their members by entering the names of people who may have once belonged to the Likud, but

had since switched parties. The Likud representative also offered the registrar a disk with the names of only dues-paying members, and asked him to choose which one was acceptable. The registrar finally ruled

291,000 names applies according to the law, as party members need not necessarily be duespayers, but those the party allows to participate in its internal elections.

The next hitch appeared when the Likud disk was inserted in the computer and was found wanting. Due to an error, the final control digit of the members' ID card numbers was missing. The disk went back to Likud headquarters and was quickly updated.

The National Religious Party brought a disk with 120,000 names; Meretz one with 41,000 names; Tsomet with 10,000; and Shas with a mere 150.

But none of the other parties presented their lists, causing the registrar to put off the final scan, in which the computer will go through all names and pick out those who appear in several parties, as well as those whose ID numbers may be incorrect or whose identities



Amital: I will not run for Knesset

MINISTER Without Portfolio Yehuda Amital said yesterday that he does not intend to run for the Knesset as a candidate for

Meimad or any other party. Meimad's executive council is to discuss tonight whether to submit a list of candidates, according to Rabbi Michael Melchior, its

Channel 2 reported last night that Meimad is considering running on a joint ticket with the Third Way. Third Way leader Avigdor Kahalani said he would welcome the move, the report

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Amital said last night on Channel 1 that if Meimad does decide to run, it will have to join a ticket with another party.

Amital, who was speaking earlier at a press conference to report on his visit to the US, said that the ban on meeting with him, issued by a group of Orthodox rabbis, actually had a boomerang effect and resulted in his receiving a more sympathetic hearing among mainstream Orthodox

The halachic ruling had been

Rabbis of the United States and Canada, a group which Amital described as a small extremist organization. The ban, he said, had been issued ostensibly because Amital met with the Unity Forum, a group of Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform rabbis in New York, established to encourage dialogue between the

different streams of Judaism. However, he added, it was clear that opposition to the peace process also played a part in the ruling. In fact, he said, he had found considerable support for the peace process among the Orthodox public, both rabbis and lay people. He noted that many of the Orthodox leaders did not know what was happening in

Amital met with American Jewish groups and also with several Christian leaders. Among them was Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, who told him that the peace process in the Middle East was having a beneficial effect on such trouble spots as Northern Ireland and Bosnia.

Meanwhile, Melchior released the results of an opinion poll which seemed to indicate that in contrast to the last election, Meinow could garner tar more than the 1.5 percent of the votes necessary to achieve Knesset representation. The poll, conducted by Modiin Ezrachi, showed that 1.9% of those questioned said they were sure they would vote for Meimad if it tendered a list for the coming elections. Another 3.3% said they thought they

would vote for Meimad. When the respondents were asked whether they would vote for Meimad if its leadership included non-religious personalities, 2.2% said they would certainly vote for Meimad and another 6.2% said that they thought they would.

Pending bills would cost NIS 20 billion

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE estimated cost of implementing Knesset members' private bills that have passed their preliminary and first readings is NIS 16.5 billion annually, plus another one-time outlay of NIS 4b., Treasury Budget Director Ron Kroll said yesterday.

A document prepared by the budget division shows that about 100 bills are pending that have budgetary significance. Some of the costliest:

• National Insurance Institute -NIS 5.48b. a year;

 Education - NIS 4.22b. yearly, plus a one-time expenditure of

• Social welfare - NIS 1b. yearly, plus a one-time outlay of NIS 40m.: Communications - NIS 500m.

• Transportation - NIS 1.5b. a

Local authorities - NIS 530m.

 Health – NIS 410m. a year; Housing – NIS 2.8b. a year.

Sderot officially a city

The status of Sderot was formally changed from local council to city yesterday. Interior Minister Haim Ramon, who made the announcement at a dinner attended by Mayor David Boskila. former local council head and current Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz, and other dignitaries, said Sderot now has 20,000 inhabitants, having absorbed 9,000 new immigrants since 1990.

Jerusalem Post Staff



PRIME Minister Shimon Peres took issue yesterday with Labor Party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli, who reportedly said the party intends to change it's platform to enable the uprooting of Jordan Valley settlements.

ing settlements," Peres told reporters, saying that reports to the contrary are "without foundation. The Jordan River will remain our security

'As a party we have no intention of uproot-

border; we have no intention of uprooting any settlements from there," Peres said. Zvilli was quoted in the press as saying there is no certainty that the Jordan Valley settlements will be within the "red lines" that Israel will fight over during negotiations with the Palestinians. He said the Jordan Valley will not be transferred to the Palestinian Authority, but will remain under Israeli control as a military zone, not necessarily an area with

Zvilli backtracked a bit yesterday, saying both that his words were taken out of context and that the party plank will not have a clause calling for the uprooting of the settlements. His comments infuriated Jordan Valley set-

tlement activists. David Elhayani, head of the Jordan Valley Settlement Committee, called upon the party "to throw out those who talk in terms that directly contradict the party's

Meretz Knesset faction chairman Ran Cohen (left) presents his party's membership list to the registrar of parties yesterday.

Elhayani called on Peres to categorically state that Zvilli's comment do not reflect the party's stand. He said that Zvilli's remarks did not come as a surprise, and that Zvilli had told him the same thing in a private meeting about a month ago.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tzur said that the statements are not "coincidental," and that for a "long time there have been those in Labor who deal with the Jordan Valley as having the unclear status of a security zone. and not as a zone that will remain under Israeli sovereignty, and where there will be Israeli settlements.

Hanan Pasternak, a Labor Party member who has lived in Netiv Hagdud for 22 years, said he was shocked by Zvilli's comments, which represent the sentiments of a large number of party decision makers.

"If they are talking about withdrawing from the Golan, all the way to the Kinneret, why should we think the settlements in the Jordan Valley are safe," Pasternak said.

"The Labor Party sent us here," Pasternak said. "People like Zvilli said we were an important security factor. People came and devoted their lives to the area. I would think that those same people who sent us would have the courage to come tell us now, try to convince us, that our presence here is not necessary."

Pasternak termed the mood in the Jordan Valley settlements as "very bad. What Zvilli said makes matters for people even worse," he said. "It is as if we are living with a dagger at our hearts, as if we should be sitting on our

Liat Collins adds:

MK Gedalya Gal (Labor) sent an urgent letter to Peres calling on him to immediately reject the idea of including a clause on evacuating Jordan Valley settlements in the party's new platform. Gal, who heads the Knesset's Jordan Val-

ley caucus, asked for an urgent meeting with Peres and settlement heads.

Likud, Levy's movement clash over election law changes despite early elections

EVELYN GORDON

AN argument erupted in the Knesset Law Committee yesterday between the Likud and David Levy's movement over two ch the elections law which the latter wanted.

The first would cancel the restrictions on MKs leaving their factions 100 days before the election. Currently, MKs who leave their factions are considered breakaways, and are ineligible for any party funding. unless a full third of the faction leaves to set up a new faction. If this restriction were abolished 100 days before the election, Levy and David Magen, who both plan to run in Levy's new party, could leave the Likud now and get three months' worth of party funding. The Likud, not surprisingly, opposes this idea, since it does not want to lose

any money during campaign season. The second change would alter the rules governing what letters parties can use to represent themselves on the ballots. Currently, if a party has ever used a certain letter, a new party that wishes to use this letter must obtain the first party's permission. Under the proposed change, the only body whose approval would be needed would be the Central Elections Commission, whose sole criteria would be whether allotting the desired letter to the new party might mislead people and

cause voting errors. The Law Committee initially approved both changes, but the Likud requested a revote, and managed to defeat both clauses the second time around. These provisions will therefore not be brought up in the plenum for first reading. However, Magen noted, they are very likely to be reinserted by the committee prior to the election bill's second reading, since committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz) supports them. Alternatively, they could be added to the law via amendments in the plenum during the bill's second reading.

Education Ministry: Keep politics out of schools

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE Education Ministry has warned against the politicization of schools in the upcoming elections.

Noting that the schools were public buildings, ministry director-general Shimshon Shoshani said that they could not be used for political activities, especially during the primaries. Classes will still be in progress during the elections. he noted, and the pupils can not be

exposed to political pressures. Shoshani expressed special concern over the phenomenon which had occurred at the Blich school in Ramat Gan, where a mock election was recently held. Because in the past, the "elec-

tion results' at Blich had supposedly reflected the trends in voting between the large parties in the actual elections, money was spent by the various parties to run "campaigns" among the pupils. Other schools have since also adopted the "election" system. Such political activity, Shoshani warned, was

illegal.

He also reminded educators and ministry workers that, as public servants, they can not be involved in electoral proceedings.

Druse general strike passes quietly

DAVID RUDGE

THE 14th anniversary of the general strike by Golan Heights Druse in protest against the extension of Israeli law to the region passed quietly yesterday.

A large force of nearly 800 police, led by Northern Region Commander Amos Azani, was on duty in the Druse villages Majdal Shams, Mas'ada, Buka'atha and Ein Kiniyeh, but there were no

All shops and businesses were closed as Druse residents observed the day with what has become a traditional general strike. There were also parades in Mas'ada, Buka'atha and Majdal Shams. Northern region police spokes-

person Ch.-Supt. Orit Messer-Harel said the parades were held in an orderly manner and "we are happy to say there was no reason for the police to intervene."

Scores of people gathered on the Syrian side of the border on what is known as "Shouting Hill" and sang nationalist songs, shouted "Next year in Syria" and made speeches which were broadcast to their brethren in Majdal Shams via loudspeakers. They dispersed by early afternoon and police later also withdrew from the villages.

US upbeat on Syrian talks

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres's advancing of elections will have no effect on the substance of negotiations with Syria, beyond deaying the timing of a deal, a senior US official said.

Ever since Secretary of State Warren Christopher's trip to the region last week, the US has been emphasizing that it wants to maintain the momentum of the talks, even with the expected disruption caused by the early

Two rounds of talks at Maryland's Wye River Conference Center since late December have begun to "set into place an architecture of an agreement" and helped insulate the talks from potential damage due to the election, the official said.

He said the US peace team is very relaxed," because the process "is secure enough that it will survive this interim period."

Asked whether the campaign period would have an effect on the negotiations, which are to reconvene from February 28 to March 5, the official said, "It's going to be hard to imagine how. The negotiations will not be a major component of the elections. Peres is seeking a mandate that is much broader ... We've managed to create a new baseline

on the basis of Wye."

Deputy Middle East coordinator Aaron Miller said Tuesday that an eventual Israeli-Syrian agreement is "clearly out there." The question is how long it's going to take. You've got an in-

stitutionalized structure of peace-

making through these negotiations, and the longer these negotiations will continue, the greater the odds that you can produce an agreement with our help," Miller

An Israeli official in Washington said vesterday that Damaschs is not prepared to sign an agreement with Israel even on the Camp David model, which he conceded is long on signatures and short on implementation.

Syria's chief negotiator, Am-bassador to the US Walid Mualem, has remained behind in Damascus following Christopher's visit. Upon Mualem's return, the three sides will decide whether economics experts will be added to the negotiations later this month, the Israeli official said.

The official also said the Israeli Embassy is staying out of the evolving conflict between the administration and Congress over \$200 million in funding for upgrading 16 F-16 fighter planes. which the US has agreed to transfer to Jordan.

The chairmen of three key House appropriations panels wrote President Bill Clinton earlier this month to complain about being bypassed on the matter, The Washington Post reported.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said yesterday that "the US government be-lieves that this sale of F-Iss should go through. We believe the security of Jordan is impor-tant, and I believe we are supported in this by the Israeli government. I know we are."

PNC head: Elections may delay PLO Covenant change

The Palestinian National Council Chairman hinted that the PNC may not change the PLO Covenant until after the Israeli elections. "Early elections in Israel may change the time of the PNC meeting expected in April, said Salim Zanoun, acting chairman of the PNC. "Israel will be busy at that time and it may be a reason for a change or delay." Zanoun did not explain why Israel's activities should cause a delay. But other Palestinian officials said in return for revoking the key clauses in the covenant the Israeli government will be less inclined to make concessions, like supporting a Palestinian state, before the

Mahmoud Abbas, considered a deputy to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, said recently that the Palestinian Authority is aware of the need to change the covenant before the Israeli elections. Jon Immanuel



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IDF ombudsman:

Soldiers' motivation

is declining

ence of parents in every aspect of

their children's military service.

"This is unhealthy," he said, add-

ing that "it stems from the char-

acter of our army. Soldiers give

"Leave the officers alone," he requested of parents. "If you bave a complaint, come to me."

He reported a marked increase

in the number of complaints re-

ceived from parents. "In 1994, a

fifth of all complaints regarding

soldiers on compulsory service

came from a parent. Last year, it

was a fourth. There are dozens of

cases in which we received a complaint from a parent, and when

we started to investigate, the sol-

dier son asked us not to bother.

Doron said the vast majority

of complaints, 71%, fell into six

categories: medical problems,

18%; officer-enlisted man rela-

tions, 13%; placement, 11%; re-

serve duty, 14%; pay, 9%; and service provided the individual.

said, "the main focus of com-

plaints from soldiers in compul-

sory service was about day-to-

day matters, as expressed in

officer-enlisted relations. These

complaints include unbecoming

language from officers, exces-

sive toughness, and insensitivity

to the problems of individual

"It must be said that in many

cases, the soldiers contribute to

the problematic relationship by

lack of motivation for army ser-

vice in general, and for service

in their unit or in their particular

soldiers.

Government outlines

efforts to reduce

Ofakim unemployment

"As in previous years," he

so we halted the investigation."

mommy their officer's address.

"THERE is a decline in the moti-

vation of IDF soldiers today over

that of previous years," IDF om-

budsman Brig.-Gen. (res.)

Aharon Doron said yesterday.

"Without a doubt, there has

also been a change in Israeli soci-

ety's perception of the army and of military service - and this has no connection with motivation. I

think that there has been a de-

cline in the status accorded to the

army by the people."

Doron made these comments

in presenting the ombudsman's

annual report to the Knesset For-eign Affairs and Defense

He noted that his office had

received 8,874 written complaints last year, as opposed to 8,600 in 1994 and 8,938 in 1993. The

number of complaints received

this year returns the multi-year

graph to the upward path it had

been following since 1987," he

He also noted that more than 8,000 telephone complaints were

Doron said that half of all com-

The most marked increase in

complaints, 20 percent - from

2,676 in 1994 to 3,009 - came

One troubling fact Doron re-

ported was a 50% increase in the

number of soldiers seeking psy-

chological help. "This number,"

he said, "seems exaggerated to

me. I can't explain it - I'm not a

mental health officer - but it

troubles me. The number of soi-

diers that are really mentally dis-

He also criticized the interfer-

turbed cannot be this great."

from reservists, he noted.

plaints were found unjustified.

received.

Sandfly spreading rare dog parasite

JUDY SIEGEL

FIVE dogs in the area between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv have m recent months been diagnosed with leishmaniasis, a parasitical infection that has unit now been restricted mostly to Arab villages in the Galilee and has apparently been spread by the sandhy. The Jerusalem Post has

Veterinarians and infectious disease experts are concerned that the spread of the sandfly could lead to increased infection among children, Leishmaniasis is rarely transmitted to humans. however, and its usual symptom is a type of skin rash.

Jerusalem-area veterinarian, Ephraim Keren, had to destroy an infected dog two days ago, since animals cannot be treated and the disease causes them considerable suffering.

"It definitely is something to be worried about, but there is no reason for panic," said Prof. Charles Jaffe, a leading leishmaniasis expert at the Hebrew University's Kuvin Center for the Study of Tropic and Infectious Diseases. Kuvin experts are preparing to take blood samples from dogs in the the areas where infected dogs have been reported: Nilim near Modi'in (1); Nataf in the Judean Hills (three); and Sataf near Ein Kerem (1).

"This serological survey is important to find out how big the reservoir of dog carriers is, especially because we weren't aware of a problem in the Jerusalem area, and since Modi in is a rapidly growing urban area," he said.

Health Ministry experts were unaware of the problem until queried by The Post yesterday, but the Environment Ministry has been informed about it.

Leishmaniasis is endemic to the Mediterranean Basin, said Jaffe. Unlike rabies, it is not easily transmitted from infected dogs to humans. If a sandfly bites an infected dog, jackal, or other canine, it can raister the parasite to another animal or to humans, especially children addits denetait immunity over time). The only means of direct transfer between animals and humans is by contact between their open wounds.

In most humans, infection results in a rash, which is annoving but easily treated. There were 74 reported cases last year, but it is estimated that actual cases are about five times that figure. There are three or four cases of the potentially more serious systemic leishmaniasis bere each

It is difficult to diagnose in dogs, as the skin condition is often covered by their far. Among the symptoms are dandruff-like flakes, loss of weight, and loss of hair (especially around the ears). Dog owners should bring their dog to a vet immediately if it shows such symptoms.

KIBBUTZ Samar in the Arava

is on its way to becoming the

first kibbutz to build its own

power plant using photovoltaic

cells to produce poliution-free

installed outdoors in panels,

convert sunlight into direct

current electricity. An AC

converter links the system to

store electricity, whatever is

not used by the kibbutz will be

fed into the national grid and

Medwed, a kibbutz member.

decided over two years ago to

Project initiator Bryan

used by other consumers.

Since the station will not

the kibbutz grid.

The small solar cells,

electricity.



Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss presents the Knesset Medal to Abed Shinawi, 10, son of Hassan Shinawi, a Gazan who donated his organs for transplant, thus saving four lives. Health Minister Ephraim Sneh also met with Shinawi's pregnant wife and two children. The Knesset arranged for a special permit to enable the family to visit despite the closure.

Jordanian official: Israel, Jordan, Palestinian water accord is meaningless

AMMAN (Reuter) - Jordan yesterday dismissed a water agreement signed in Norway by Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians as a meaningless document that ignores the need for water sharing.

"What they produced was a lukewarm, loose text that means nothing," said Dr. Munther Haddadin, who oversaw Jordan's participation in the talks in Oslo and previously negotiated water aspects of the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty.

"There is nothing in the text about water sharing so I wouldn't give it the importance

the reports indicated," he told Reuters. Norway announced on Tuesday that Israel. Jordan and the Palestinian Authority had initialed an agreement on water resources in the

The declaration, following two years of talks organized by Norway, provides a framework for the principles for cooperation on water-related matters and new and additional water resources in the region.

However, the agreement did not deal with the allocation of water. Instead it dealt with cooperation for the management of resources, such as upgrading pipelines and developing new sources of water such as

Norway said the agreement is expected to be signed in Oslo next month following approval from the respective authorities but Haddadin doubted it would be accepted.

He said signing an accord that did not address questions of water sharing between relatively well-supplied countries, such as Israel, and those already running out of water, like Jordan, could prevent conclusion of a more substantial regional water agreement.

EU wants role in Israeli-Syrian talks

THE European Union said yesterday the time has come for it to help with peace negotiations between Syria and Israel.

"We think the moment has come for Europe with the United States to help with the peace process on the Syrian-Israeli track," Italian Foreign Minister Susanna Agnelli said after meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Prior to the three-member EU mission's departure for the Middle East, a senior EU official leaked to the French newspaper Liberation the Europeans' aim to increase pressure on Israel regarding the proposed General Security Service Law. According to the official, if the law is passed, the EU might halt economic aid to Israel, block Israeli access to EU research and development

projects, and take other steps. The official also mentioned a possible delay in the European Parliament's approval of the new economic agreement signed with Israel, which gives it special advantages. Peres last week rejected a call by the Swedish foreign minister to change the law.

Kibbutz Samar to build solar power plant

MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

take matters into his own

hands and investigate the

possibility of building such a

power station on the kibbutz.

Prof. David Faiman, director

of the National Solar Institute

of Ben-Gurion University at

the Desert Research Institute

in Sde Boker. For seven years,

Faiman had been compiling

hourly measurements of the

angle, direction, and intensity

of the sun, wind speed, and

temperatures at 10 Negev

locations. He agreed with

Medwed that Samar was

ideally located for such a

Medwed teamed up with

The EU mission later met with Palestinian Council President Yasser Arafat in Gaza to congratulate him on his election. Arafat told reporters he had discussed with the Europeans the losses caused to Palestinians by Israel's border closures.

"We are losing every day of the closure more than \$6 million and now in the last 15 months the closure has lasted 250 days," he said. "You can imagine that our losses from this closure are more than all income from all the donors and all the donations.'

Donor nations pledged \$2.4 billion to the Palestinians in 1993 over a period of five years.

The EU mission on Tuesday met Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus. Agnelli said he appeared positive on forging peace with Israel.

Agnelli was accompanied by Spanish Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Emilio Fernandez Castano and Irish Minister of State at the Foreign Office Gay Mitchell. The three also visited Orient House vesterday, meeting with Faisal Hussemi.

The kibbutz will allot an

area of some five dunams for

the solar cell "farm." Medwed

says the estimated \$1 million

project will receive some

financial support from the

Environment Ministry; however, the kibbutz is still

seeking project donors. Samar

hopes to begin construction

"Every kilowatt hour used

throws another kilo of CO2

into the atmosphere," says

Medwed. "With a greater

awareness of global warming.

solar energy is the answer if we

don't want to kiss the earth's

before the summer.

atmosphere goodbye."

News agencies EGYPT, Israel, Jordan, and the

Palestinian Authority ended another round of talks in Cairo yesterday on repatriating Palestinian refugees, with delegation leaders saying they had made heady on the thorny issue.

But two days of talks failed to agree on the definition of a refugee, an argument that so far has stalled the negotiations. Badr Hammam, Egyptian as-

sistant foreign minister for Arab affairs and head of his delegation, said the committee meeting had achieved "noticeable progress." "What the committee achieved

has brought it closer to its principal goal, which is the return of refugees to their land and Hammam told

Israeli envoy Yossi Hadass said the talks had been friendly and honest. "All delegations wanted to reach a solution and did not want to place obstacles in the way of peace," he said. "The committee has found practical ways to reach a solution that is satisfactory to all parties."

Palestinian envoy Zohdi Saeedi Amr said he hopes the four parties reach an agreement on the refugee issue before the start in May of talks on the final status of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and Jerusalem.

Amr had told reporters late

Tuesday night that the committee meeting had been positive. "The deadlock which dominated the six previous meetings has been

BETHLEHEM'S police chief

yesterday denied reports his

men had arrested two Islamic

Jihad gunmen in Beit Jalla, who

were wearing belts of explosives

and preparing to cross into

designed to create a pretext for closing the West Bank," said

Col. Ahmed Eid, commenting

on an Israel Radio report

unable to cross into Israel to

work since the closure went into

effect yesterday. Security

officials said it was imposed out

of fear Islamic extremists would

try to attack Israelis at the end

of the 40-day mourning period

for Yihya Ayyash, the bomb-maker dubbed "The Engineer."

Palestinians expressed

worries that the closure will be

About 60,000 people are

"This was an Israeli rumor

broken," he added. Israel and its Arab neighbors had been at odds over the number of refugees, the timetable for their return, and defining who is a refugee. He said they had agreed on the thorniest issue -

ber and type of Palestinians displaced from Gaza and the West Bank in the 1967 war. "The Cairo meetings are a serious turning point. As long as we managed to sort out the number problem, defining who is a refu-

gee is a fait accompli," Amr

the criteria for deciding the num-

Arab parties demand the unconditional return of all those made refugees since 1967 without exception, including those expelled by Israel on political or security grounds. Arab parties put the number of displaced Palestinians, including their off-spring, at 2.5 million – a figure disputed by Israel, which says the number does not exceed 200,000. The delegations agreed yesterday

to draw up lists of refugees. International groups like the UN Relief and Works Agency and the Red Cross will draw up lists, too.

"We'll start to compare notes and make one list," said Hadass. "The moment we make one list it will be easy for us to achieve an understanding of the definition [of refugees].

Amr said the next meeting would be beld in Bethlehem from March 21 to March 23.

PA Police deny arresting

2 would-be suicide bombers

Palestinian refugee talks in Egypt make progress

THE number of unemployed persons in Ofakim has dropped from 1,300 to 950 as a result of the government's efforts, Zvi Alderotti, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, told the Knesset Finance Committee

In a letter to the committee,

Alderotti detailed some of the steps that already have been or will be taken. For instance, the Finance and Interior Ministries have agreed to give the municipality an extra NIS 3 million. and the Interior, Industry and Defense Ministries have agreed to jointly finance the construction of a new outdoor market in the city, at the cost of NIS1.5

The Industry Ministry has agreed to allocate an additional NIS 1.5 million to renovating old industries in the city, the letter continued, and Mifal Hapayis has agreed to set up a branch there. The Prime Minister's Office has also appointed Roni Douak to put together a group of inves-

EVELYN GORDON tors which will build a \$150,000 community center in the city and

raise money to build a sports cen-

ter, Alderotti added. On the employment front, the industry Ministry has recently approved the establishment of three new factories in Ofakim, which will produce an additional 100 jobs, Alderotti said. The three are Apollo, an aluminum factory; Reuchman, a marbleworking plant; and Tzel, which makes window blinds.

In addition, the letter said, Bezek, at the government's request, is considering moving its information center (144) there, which would create another 120 jobs.

Finally, the letter noted, there are another 33 companies who have either submitted requests for approval to build factories in Ofakim, or with whom the Industry Ministry is negotiating on the subject. If all of these factories were actually built - which, in the ministry's opinion, is unlikely they would add another 1,500 or

Three preventive security agents arrested in Jerusalem

THREE Palestinian Preventive Security agents have been arrested for kidnapping Jerusalem Palestinians suspected of collaboration or drug dealing and taking them to preventive security headquarters in Ramaliah, it

was revealed yesterday.

Jerusalem District Court yesterday lifted a ban on publication of details of the arrests and investigation.

security agents from operating in Jerusalem, but have not prevented them from continuing to try set up their own police force in the Arab parts of the city.

The Oslo accords forbid PA

A police spokesman said more arrests of Palestinian agents illegally operating in Je-

rusalem are expected. Ziyad Wahadan, 19, of Kalandia; Riyad Sheikh, 20, of Anata; and Anan Muwakat, 27, of Bir Nabala, are being held at the Russian Compound. Police said they and their cohorts who remain at large severely beat their victims, who were also mistreated during interrogation in Ramallab.

The spokesman said the exact number of people kidnapped remains unclear because many of the victims apparently fear to

Bill would aid polio victims

LIAT COLLINS

POLIO victims visited the Knesset yesterday to discuss their special needs and witness the preliminary reading of a bill granting them equal rights to other disabled people.

Most of those present were victims of the polio outbreak of the 1950s and said that their parents had either died or had grown too old to continue looking after

The bill was initiated by MK David Mena, and jointly submitted by several MKs from coalition and opposition parties.

The bill would grant the polio

victims a one-time grant and aid in buying equipment for home use, as well as help in housing costs. It also contains a clause calling for fitting elevators suitable for the disabled in public

The visitors, about 70 of the country's 10,000 polio victims, told MKs they wanted equal rights in law, as opposed to the unregulated benefits they now receive. Some polio sufferers are apparently housed in old-age homes, despite being much younger than other residents, for lack of alternate housing.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF ISRAELI JOURNALISTS

The management of the National Federation of Israeli Journalists appeals to its members in the written and electronic media and to all those who support freedom of the press to join the journalists of Davar Rishon in a demonstration, which will be held today, Thursday, February 15, 1996, at 2:30 p.m., against the Histadrut management's decision on the immediate closure of the newspaper.

> The demonstration will take place in front of the Davar Building, 45 Rehov Shenkin, Tel Aviv.

Anthority Economics Minister

Israel.

Tuesday night.

prolonged, eroding a vital source of income. Yesterday. Palestinian

Ahmed Qreia and Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir agreed to establish three industrial parks in Jenin. Tulkarm, and the northern Gaza Strip. Work on the parks is due to begin in six months.

The parks, in which Israeli companies will participate, are designed to provide a way of employing Palestinians without bringing thousands across the Green Line.

In Jerusalem, government coordinator Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor and Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij met to discuss the controversial new security wall around Rachel's Tomb, on which work has been stopped for the past three days. Discussions are to continue next Tuesday, but Shahor assured Freii that the wall will not block half the main road between Jerusalem and Bethlehem when it is completed, the spokesman

for his office said.

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Serbs probe 3 Moslems as war criminals

BOSNIAN Serbs who cut contact with the NATO-led peace force to protest the extradition of two officers to a war crimes tribunal have reportedly detained three Moslems on

The Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA yesterday that the Moslems were detained in Foca, south of Sarajevo, and were being investigated by military authorities on suspicion of killing Serb civilians during Bosnia's war. No details

were immediately available. In The Hague, the UN war crimes tribunal for former Yugoslavia said yesterday it expected to issue its first indictments against Bosnian Moslems in the coming weeks.

News of the forthcoming indictments was contained in a press statement by chief prosecutor Richard Goldstone.

"As stated previously, the investigation into alleged war crimes committed by Bosnian Moslem forces is reaching finality, and the prosecutor anticipates that indictments arising from this investigation will be submitted to a judge for confirmation in the coming weeks," the statement said.

Yesterday in Brussels, NATO reiterated its determination to bring indicted war criminals in Bosnia to justice, after being stung by criti-cism that it is trying to duck responsibility for

SOUTH Korea announced yester-

day it was shelving major war games with the United States this

year as tension rose on the penin-

sula over a wave of defections of

A wife of shadowy North Korean leader Kim Jong II has

vanished from a Swiss villa,

South Korea's spy agency said

yesterday. A newspaper reported

she apparently was trying to seek

Sung Hae Rim, 59, is a wife of

Kim, who has been leading the

reclusive North since the July

1994 death of his father, longtime

The mass-circulation Chosun

Ilbo newspaper carried a front-

page report that Sung and her

elder sister, Sung Hae Ryang, 61,

prominent North Koreans.

political asylum in Seoul.

ruler Kim Il Sung.

News agencies SARAJEVO

arresting them.

NATO officials said the alliance's 16 ambassadors had clarified its position and ordered its senior military to make sure its 60,000 troops in the field were fully aware of the Implementation Force's duty in this area.

The position is quite clear. IFOR troops must apprehend known war criminals where possible," one senior official said, adding that the peacekeepers would stop short of hunting down indicted war criminals.

Putting another dent into already battered peace efforts, gunmen shot yesterday at a bus connecting Serb and government-held sectors of Sarajevo, wounding the conductor and a

The shooting took place just hours after the service resumed for the first time since the war began. NATO officials said it occurred in Sarajevo's Stup section, a former frontline community, but it was unclear whether the shot came from the Serb or the government-held side.

The bus driver told Associated Press Television that he drove straight to the hospital when he saw the two were injured. The bus

was hit by four bullets as it was traveling from government-held Sarajevo toward Ilidza.

In Rome, the European Union yesterday strongly reaffirmed its support of efforts by EU administrator Hans Koschnick to reunite the divided Bosnian town of Mostar and said a recent attack on him was "inadmissible".

The European Union is firmly committed to achieving the objectives of the EU adminstra-tor in Mostar.," it said in a statement. The union reaffirms its confidence in (Koshnick) and fully supports his efforts to overcome pre-

Mostar's Bosnian Croat leaders last week broke off ties with EU mediators over a plan by Koschnick to draw up municipal boundaries in the southern Bosnian town. Angry demonstrators trapped Koschnick in his car for an hour last week and briefly occu-pied the EU base in the town in a protest con-

demned by NATO and the European states. The union strongly condemns the recent inadmissible attacks against the EU adminis-trator and his staff, whose safety and role most be fully guaranteed by all parties concerned."

Foreign Ministry. Italy currently holds the rotating EU presi-

it said in a statement released by the Italian



Local residents of Delta, British Columbia gather outside a barn near the Delta Air Park where the pilot of a small trainer plane ditched his aircraft just short of the runway. The pilot walked away with only minor scratches.

South Korea shelves war games with US as tensions rise over North Korean defections

News agencies SEOUL

and the sister's daughter disappeared from Switzerland earlier this month and went to a third

South Korea's Agency for National Security Planning confirmed the disappearances, along with the previously undisclosed defection to Seoul of Sung Hae Ryang's son, Lee Han Young.

In the latest defection incident, a North Korean man armed with a pistol broke into Russia's trade mission in Pyongyang yesterday to seek political asylum, Itar-Tass news agency said. Several North Korean guards were killed in an exchange of fire, the agency said.

Suh Dae-won, spokesman at the Seoul foreign ministry, said the cancellation of the annual war games, codenamed Team Spirit, was to coax troubled North Korea into taking steps for

"The decision was taken to create a positive atmosphere in the Korean peninsula and promote confidence needed to continue implementing the Geneva agreement," he said, referring to a landmark US-North Korean nuclear

The agreement, signed in Geneva in October 1994, broke new ground in ties between the

Washington and Seoul have said they do not want a sudden collapse of the communist North and want to convince Pyongyang to gradually open up to the

South Korean officials said about 200 people have defected to South Korea in the past two

Itar-Tass, reporting from Pyongyang on yesterday's defection incident, said several North Korean guards were killed in a shootout that erupted as the gunman burst into the trade mission located in the premises of the Russian embassy.

It said the man had threatened to commit suicide if his demands for asylum were not met.

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Sri Lanka attacks Tamil rebel ship

COLOMBO (AP) - A Tamil rebel ship suspected to be carrying a major arms shipment exploded and burned furiously at sea after it was attacked by naval boats and air force planes yesterday, the government said. An unknown number of rebels

the attack, about 20 km off the northeastern coast of Mullaitrivu where the Tamil Tiger guerrillas are known to have a large base. The navy and air force "took action to destroy this ship after

on board died or were injured in

due warning, Defense Ministry statement. On the other side of the island. an explosion was reported from mid-sea off the western coast of Negombo near Colombo yesterday. Helicopters and naval gunboats were investigating. There was no indication yet where the

The destruction of the rebel arms boat is the military's first major

blast occurred, said a military offi-

success in detecting and possibly destroying arms being smuggled by the guerrillas by sea routes to fuel their 12-year-old separatist

The Tigers are fighting the predominantly Sinhalese govern-ment for an independent Tamil homeland in northern and eastern Sri.Lanka. More than 40,000 people have been killed in the war that has sharpened ethnic divisions in this nation of 18 million

people. Tuesday, On. President Chandrika Kumaratunga ordered an investigation into the killing of 24 Tamil civilians, allegedly by Sri Lankan soldiers, in eastern Sri Lanka on Sunday. The military

denies the allegations. Also yesterday, the government ordered all schools in Sri Lanka to be closed indefinitely. No reason was given, but an education ministry statement said it is handling the matter with the defense min-

Dig goes on for 20 trapped in tunnel

TOKYO (Reuter) - Rescue workers yesterday demolished a giant boulder which crushed a road tunnel in northern Japan and started trying to reach the 20 people trapped inside since

A controlled explosion, the fourth in as many days, finally demolished most of the 50,000tonne slab which crushed the Toyohama Tunnel, about 50 km northwest of Sapporo, capital of Hokkaido.

Rescue officials said workers were using power shovels to remove pieces of the slab that landed on top of the tunnel. Digging inside could not start until experts made sure they would not cause further land-

trapped in the tunnel as soon as possible," an official of the Hokkaido Development Agency

"Although we will continue our work to remove pieces of the slab throughout the night, it now looks impossible to start actual rescue work before early tomorrow morning," he said. Television networks carried live

pictures of the explosion, with huge boulders of black rock cascading down the steep cliff onto the seashore below.

Hometown flags are out for Yeltsin

YEKATERINBURG (Reuter) -The Urals city of Yekaterinburg is readying itself as the stage from which its greatest son, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, will launch his re-election campaign.

Fences and doors have been given a fresh lick of paint Actors, singers and other celebrities have been brought in to give the callipaign a jubilant send-off.

The 65-year-old Kremlin leader, was due to fly in last night to the city of nearly 1.5 million people known as Sverdi munist era.

Preparations for his visit, which will combine Soviet-style pomp and American talk-to-the-people electioneering, left linle doubt Yeltsin would use his home town today as a backdrop to announce his bid for a second term in power.

Yeltsin will visit his father's grave, a childrens' hospital and a chocolate factory and take a ride on a local underground train. aides said.

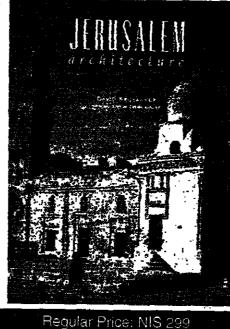
Soviet Sverdlov, a symbol of industrial growth, a center for military production, was the power base from which Yeltsin confronted Mikhail Gorbachev in the last years of the Soviet era.

But it is not just nostalgia that prompts Yeltsin to choose his bome town as a springboard for his hopes of repeating his 1991 election victory.
His political and economic

reforms face a strong challeng from the resurgent Communicati Party which now controls enough. than a third of the State Duma, the lower house of parliament.

Local opinion polisters say that 17 percent of voters support Yeltsin, compared to six percen nationwide.

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written a bail word about anyone. Davidovitch also stands out in the crowd by virms of her flaming red hair. Her natural color is a rather ordinary shade of brown. After trying richer brown rinses and having a fliriation with blonde, she scaled for the red.

Not the least bit coy, Davidovitch took a television crew to her hairdresser, David, who revealed that he had persuaded her to change her hair color to make sure that everyone would

I don't know if anyone has taken a survey which proves that gentleman no longer prefer blondes and are now more excited by redheads, but both hairdressers and manufacturers of hair products are pushing red. The chart goes all the way from bright ginger to deep magenta. North Tel Aviv hairdresser Amir

Segev is so enamored with red that he has covered the window of his salon with large posters of a redheaded model sporting his hair styles. Her carroty hue was achieved with the belp of L'Oreal Majirouge, which is a little on the expensive side if one has to have the color constantly retouched.

Women on a righter budget will find that Wella, which is much more affordable, also has a wide

Hairdresser Amir Segev gets the credit for this redhead's style.

hair sculptor rather than a hair stylist. His cut is totally asymmetrical, allowing for infinite scope in styling because the uneven lengths invite experimentation.
Segev's catalog includes
brunettes, blondes, and redheads, all displaying uneven cuts, but the redheads definitely look the most

A generation ago, when a

often went out and bought a new hat. These days, it's more in vogue to tint one's hair than to hide it under a hat, and an extraordinary number of women who are in the process of changing their images are opting for red and going for tones that look anything but natural. And, if it does the same for them as it has for Davidovitch, none of them will be

had not been announced. "We had no idea he was com-

ing," a mall spokeswoman said. "We only found out about it after-

The Saudi sheik - whose identity is a closely guarded secret whisked through the shopping center in less than an hour, dropping tens of thousands of dollars in some of the more fashionable

He was escorted by five or six men. They all wore three-piece business suits; the sheik and one of his entourage wore Jalbiyehs, the traditional Arab royal headdress. They spoke Arabic amongst themselves, and spoke English to the store owners. No one would mistake them for Israelis, because, as one salesperson pointed out, "They stood on the side, quietly, patiently, until they were

Ziva, owner of the upscale jewelry store by the same name, said that the sheik requested to see only handmade Israeli pieces. He walked around the store and made his selections.

"This, this, and this," Ziva casually waved her finger at several glass cases, imitating the sheik. "It was if he were in a supermar-

He bought bought a hefty shackle-like gold necklace for \$3,000, a matching bracelet, and several other pieces, spending a total of\$7,000.00. But he didn't take the \$12,000 diamond baguette necklace, the store's most expensive piece.

"He was different, dignified," Ziva said. "He did not ask for a discount."

The sheik did not happen upon this store by chance; it was recommended to him by various affluent Jordanians, who apparently frequent the store often, along with some of the Israeli elite. Limiti, a ladies' fashion store, was also on the Jordanian recom-

ert Saudi mission

mended list. "Queen Noor often sends friends to bring her back shoes to Jordan," said the owner, Shavli Hershberg.

The sheik spent several thousand dollars there on four Chanel bags, five pairs of shoes (including the store's priciest item NIS 1500 Lagerfeld shoes), and half a dozen dresses in different sizes.

"I saw all of the men selecting the dresses, and I asked if the dresses were for their wives," Hershberg said. "They weren't. The dresses were for all of the sheik's different wives."

In his whirlwind tour through the mall, the sheik might have missed out on some good presents for the little women back home.

At the towel store, he could have bought matching monogrammed purple his, hers, hers, hers, and hers robes for only NIS 169 each. And if the sheik has plans to take another wife, the Bridal Store sells gowns (by appointment only) for NIS 5500.

He also really missed out by skipping Kefland (funland). The sheik might have enjoyed the shooting range (laser beams aiming at plastic gophers) and the Vengeful Warriors video game.

In the past, the Middle East's biggest mall has hosted ambassadors, royalty, and dignitaries from visiting countries, though this is the first time a Saudi delegation has shopped there. Perhaps with the promise of peace and prosperity in Israel, Kefland will be the place where future Middle

woman was in a bad mood, she The do's and don't's of tipping

ast summer, S.K. bought a Tadiran refrigerator - deliv-√ery included - from Sensor in Ra'anana. When the appliance arrived, S.K. thanked the two delivery men for their pains.

This particular form of gratitude was not what the workmen had in mind; however. With outstretched paims and raised voices, they aggressively demanded a tip. Home alone at the time - and with a poor command of Hebrew - S.K. was intimidated. She hurriedly handed over a NIS 50 bill, anxious for the daunting duo's departure. As soon as the door was safely

closed behind them, S.K. phoned Sensor to complain to the manager. "Sorry," he said, "I'm not responsible. The delivery was made from Tadiran. Call them."

That was in August. Since then, S.K. has made numerous calls to Tadiran. She was told that the only way to locate the men who delivered her fridge was by checking a copy of

ed procedure," she was told. asked for my assistance. Tadiran chief of customer complaints

the delivery indeed was executed by Tadiran - and not by Sensor we will do everything in our power to locate the servicemen and to assist the customer." According to Biran, Tadiran **RUTHIE BLUM**

strictly enforces its policy regarding the behavior of its delivery

"These employees receive clear instructions forbidding them from demanding tips from clientele," he explained "Anyone caught violating this rule is fired."

monetary appreciation are welcome to do so, if they choose. Hopefully, media intervention has given Tadiran additional incentive to locate the culprits in

can learn from her experience. requiring delivery, always ask whether the fee for delivery is included in the price. If it is, make sure this is written on the receipt.

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employed by the shop, the factory, or whether delivery is subcontracted to a private firm. Volunteer all information about your address (i.e. what floor you live on, proximity of your entranceway to the parking lot, etc.) in order to prevent delivery men bemoaning unforescen hardship" from pressuring you into paying extra.

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Make sure to get a copy of the bill of lading (te udat mishloah).

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Neo-Nazi turns over a new leaf

boy and former neo-Nazi meets American Jew. They co-author a book about the former neo-Nazi's life and travel America, telling

But even stranger, it is true. Ingo Hasselbach, 28, a tall, blond, ex neo-Nazi, is currently on a US book tour with Tom Reiss, a 31-year-old journalist who is short, dark and Jewish.

Reiss and Hasselbach met just over two

lears ago, at Keiss's request. I hat led to the

lengthy and painful process which produced the English-language book Fuehrer-Ex, published by Random House this month. It is the story of Hasselbach's life: a childhood in East Germany, a leadership role as a neo-Nazi, disenchantment with the movement,

and now fear of reprisal from neo-Nazi

"Kameraden" left behind. Hasselbach decided to quit the movement in 1992 after the death of three Turkish women in a neo-Nazi arson attack in Moelln. That year was the height of the recent racist attacks. Many foreigners were killed and firebombings of refugee hostels happened almost daily. While

not physically responsible for the Moella attack, Hasselbach still blamed his ideology of hate. His views changed, in part because of a documentary which Hasselbach says showed him

myself rattling on, a somewhat drunken grin on my face - whether from liquor or simply

Reiss was repelled by Hasselbach the neo-Nazi. But he gravitated to him after the German left the movement and a failed bomb attack on Hasselbach's mother drew headlines. The bomb, which had been placed inside a hollowed-out book, was believed to have been engineered by former Kameraden. Hasselbach still has no address, no steady job, nothing to tip off anyone seeking reprisals.

His street smarts contrast with Reiss's own obsession with Nazis and the Holocaust. His father's family were German Jews. His mother's were Austro-Hungarian Jews. Auschwitz is part of family lore.

While Reiss was growing up in Texas and New England, Hasselbach was growing up in East Germany, where he was imprisoned at 19 for shouting, "the Wall must fall."

In the 1980s as Reiss was attending Harvard, Hasselbach and many other East German youth were rebelling against the "anti-fascist" Communist state. A defining moment - the shift from skinhead to Nazi - is a process spelled out in the book: "Often the logic went like this: 'Okay, the state says I am a Nazi and

arrests me as a Nazi. Then I will be a Nazi. Reiss was making his own discoveries after the Berlin Wall fell in late 1989.

"I started to travel to Germany when the wall came down. It was almost comical, because I didn't speak German really at all. I was able to teach myself on the road. Here I am, speaking a little German, and coming up to Germans and asking them obnoxious questions," Reiss says.

impending reunification will mean to the way that we will remember the Nazi past?"

Reiss would omit in such interviews that he

Hasselbach had already written a shorter book in German titled The Reckoning: A Neo-Nazi Gets Out, in the form of letters to his father. But the English-language book written with Reiss is longer and more probing.

The turning point in writing the book came ien Reiss, after leni his Jewish ancestry to Hasselbach. Once Reiss opened up, Hasselbach did, too. "We kept going over every detail more and more, until we thought we had it as perfect as anyone could remember it," says Reiss.

The book is also a study of the new Nazis: Bendix Wendt, a man with a penchant for digging up dead German soldiers; Michael Kuehnen, who wanted to found the fourth German Reich, but died of AIDS, a fact not officially recognized by homophobic neo-Nazis; Gary Rex (Gerhard) Lauck of Lincoln, Nebraska, the "farm-belt Fuehrer," who provided the movement with literature banned in Germany.

After cracking down, German officials say neo-Nazi activities have lessened. But the state remains on guard.

Hasselbach believes by writing and talking to people, he can have as much success as he did recruiting new young Nazis.

"I have a responsibility to my past. I can share a lot of my experiences with young teenagers," he says.

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Noam Biran reiterated that the

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He added, however, that customers wishing to express a little

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Jerusalem divided

HEN opposition leader Binyamin Netanyahu raised the question of Jerusalem with Prime Minister Shimon Peres before television cameras on Monday, Peres hastily assured him that he was wasting his time. This is not an election issue, he said. There is a national consensus on Jerusalem.

In fact, there is no such consensus even among Israel's Jewish voters, let alone in the Arab sector. And there are even ministers in Peres's government who believe Jerusalem should be "shared" with the Palestinian entity. But a majority of Israel's Jews do favor keeping Jerusalem undivided under Israel's sovereignty. And Peres, like his predecessor Yitzhak Rabin, is officially committed to the city's inviolabil-

This commitment is, of course, diametrically opposed to Yasser Arafat's own commitment to the Palestinians. In every speech he makes to Arab audiences, Arafat vows that the capital of the Palestinian state, which he expects to declare within a year or two, will be Jerusalem. Anyone who does not like this, he repeatedly taunts, can drink the water of the Dead Sea.

If the government means what it says about Jerusalem, it is faced with a serious dilemma. Peres has repeatedly asserted that making proposals totally unacceptable to the other side is an exercise in futility and a formula for an impasse. By this token, suggesting to the Palestinians that Israel remain the only sovereign in Jerusalem is a non-starter, bound to doom the negotiations. Insistence on an undivided Jerusalem is as "unrealistic," to use Labor's derisive terminology, as anything proposed by the Likud.

But if actions speak louder than words, Peres's assurances must be treated with grave suspicion. For the government's actions indicate an intention not to solidify Israel's rule in all of Jerusalem, but gradually to allow the separation of its eastern parts from the rest of the city.

A typical example of this trend can be found in what happened yesterday during the visit of Italian Foreign Minister Susanna Agnelli and the deputy foreign ministers of Ireland and Spain, known as the European Union "troika." Their official visit at Orient House after meeting with Peres was so taken for granted that Agnelli said to Peres, after he perfunctorily mentioned his objection to the visit, "No. You don't protest any more." Joining her in hearty

laughter, Peres said, "Yes, I do protest." Adopting the Foreign Ministry's euphemism, the Israeli media billed the visit "a courtesy call." But again Agnelli was honest enough to say on emerging from the building that she and her colleagues had discussed the peace process

with Faisal Husseini, Hanan Ashrawi, and other Palestinian Authority officials. Clearly, virtually every foreign minister visiting Israel considers Orient House the PA's foreign ministry. It plays precisely the kind of role that Rabin repeatedly warned would bring the Oslo process to an immediate end.

Nor is Orient House the only official representation of Palestinian rule in the city. As Mayor Ehud Olmert put it on Tuesday, "Every Palestinian Authority ministry has an office in eastern Jerusalem." The presence of these offices is not only an outright violation of the Oslo agreement's prohibition of PA activity in the city, it is a daily reminder of the government's acquiescence in this activity. Israel has all the legal means it needs, including a law passed especially for this purpose, to close these offices at once. But its intent is obviously to establish facts on the ground which will assume the aura of permanence.

The government, on the other hand, is obviously reluctant to create such facts. The construction of a Jewish neighborhood in the Har Homa neighborhood in southeastern Jerusalem, in the planning for years, has been suspended. Contractors preparing to begin work there have been informed that the project is indefinitely postponed.

The picture is not all negative. The police, now opening a station in the eastern part of the city, have arrested some of Jibril Rajoub's enforcers, who operate as an independent PA police force. But such arrests take place only when the Rajoub operatives' conduct is so outrageous and abusive that even the Internal Security Ministry can no longer turn a blind eye. And while these arrests get much publicity, they have done little to stem the development of a Palestinian law-enforcement infrastructure in the eastern part of the capital.

What makes these developments particularly worrisome is that they are accompanied by Oslo-type secret talks in European capitals between semi-official Israeli and Palestinian representatives. That such secret meetings are being held has been denied, albeit not very convincingly, by the government, and confirmed by Palestinian officials. But there is no doubt that they are taking place, and that they are a telling indication of the government's long-range intentions.

Jerusalem is not, then, a non-issue, as Peres would have Israelis believe. Whether or not it stays under Israel's sovereignty as the undivided capital of Israel is perhaps the most fundamental question before the public today, and one of the election campaign's most momentous issues.

Hardnosed sentiment

Then Shimon Peres appeared on TV last Sunday night announce early elections, the cameramen repeatedly focused on a young man in the background.

He was Yoram Rubin, the courageous bodyguard who singlehandedly saved the honor of the General Security Service on the night of Yitzhak Rabin's murder.

With Rabin's protective cover in a shambles, Rubin hurled himself forward, risking his life in a heroic effort to save his charge.

Rubin's presence in the protective entourage around Peres was no accident. The PR team hired by the Labor leader in the most crucial elections in the history of the state advised that he must use the memory of Rabin as the main tool to achieve victory. Left-wing Hebrew newspaper

writer Nahum Barnea doesn't mince his words. He says: "Based on poll findings, the name of Rabin is an electoral asset that should not be neglected. His murder is even a greater asset - a sentimental one. Peres and Labor will not hesitate to use it so long as it is in good taste."

Little wonder that the attention of the TV cameramen was "subtly" focused on Rubin's handsome figure - even less wonder that in great detail of the circumstances of Rabin's life, especially his tragic death. He will surely repeat this many times in the weeks ahead.

Next day. Leah Rabin was on the same the track on radio. "We will not forget who was murdered, and who was the mur-

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derer. We will not forgive." She was thinking of her husband, of course. But Israelis were reminded of a similar message she delivered on TV worldwide the day following her husband's funeral, when she recalled the 1933 shooting of Haim Arlosoroff, one of the most charismatic of Labor lead-

At the time - as Leah Rabin is doing now - all the guilt for the crime was heaped on the rightwing of the day, the Revisionists

The cynic's guide to vote-getting

and their leader Ze'ev Jabotinsky. Although police believed that two Arabs had committed the crime, slanderous attacks were made against the right. Two of their supporters faced trumped-up charges. Both were cleared. And although an Arab already in prison confessed twice to the crime, Mapai left never left off blaming the Revisionists.

So persistent was their brainwashing campaign that Labor won a great electoral victory the following year in the Zionist camp. They clung to power for over four decades until Menachem Begin took control in 1977. He appointed a committee to clear the names of the accused. Leah Rabin has never forgotten. or forgiven. Nobody knows this better than Yehiel Kadishai, a man who was very close to Begin. This

is how Kadishai reacted to Rabin's charges that Likud leaders shared the burden of guilt for her husband's assassination.

He said: "With all due respect to her and despite the difficulty of taking issue with a grieving widow, the left is cynically dancing on blood...."

IT IS one thing to honor Rabin's death - but to profit from it cynically for electoral purposes? Or to

cash in on it for personal gain?
One of Rabin's closest aides offered to write a book for Simon and Schuster, a major American publisher, for half a million dollars. To help with his research, he took home material from Rabin's

Leah Rabin was furious when she heard about this. It is her clear intention to write her own personal story. And who better than the widow of the murdered man? Her granddaughter will earn \$1 million for a book bought by a powerful Franco-US publishing enterprise. It is felt in the family circle that Rabin's own version of events could be worth more than that - at least \$2m. The government has also cashed in on the public's grief over Rabin's death by issuing medals and stamps. All this, of course, is a matter of per-

sonal taste. It is totally understandable that the family should wish to publish details of Rabin's past, that Leah Rabin should wish to reveal them to the world in memory of her husband, the father of her chil-

But it is a different matter when it comes to the cynical exploitation of the assassination for political ends - by the man who was a lifelong rival of Yitzhak Rabin in a bid to seize power at a time when the destiny of the nation is at stake as never before.

And of far greater consequence to the nation, as for instance on the Golan issue, is the fact that this man seeking election victory is following polices beyond the red lines laid down by his prede-

CESSOT. The unscrupulous tactic of "dancing on blood" has been used more recently than the Ariosoroff affair. One recalls the flood of posters bearing the slogan "Six hundred dead" used by Labor Party strategists in the Lebanon war, paraded in the streets during the premiership of Menachem Begin. It was the first time in the history of the state that soldiers killed in a war were exploited politically.

When some 2,500 Israelis perished in the Yom Kippur war, the theme of the Labor government was consistent. "The casualties were the inevitable price which: was paid for war." That was the cover-up, even though the disaster was caused by blunders made by Golda Meir and her ministers. There was no such "dancing on blood" by political opponents.
In the din of the election battle,

one other issue must be faced: the deafening silence still overhanging the mystery of what went wrong in Israel's famous secret service on the night of November 4. We have the Shamgar Commission, and the Yigai Amir trial.

But what really went wrong? What happened in that ill-fated square in Tel Aviv was a symptom of something far more corrosive than a mere "work accident."

Sentiment must eventually

be set aside.

Rabin was the boss of the CSS. The truth surrounding for a ban with a but to convertion and charity as possible. Let others make the case for a new protocol is Avishai Raviv's role as agent provocateur. The issue must not be swept side, even if it embarrasses Labor.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East

Toe HE JERUS IAIN GUEST

the continuing mesace of land mines in Besnia - four peacekeepers killed and 20

injured since December 23 - was discussed in Geneva recently when the parties to a 1980 convention on weapons met to revise a protocol on these mines. Under the emerging text, all antipersonnel mines laid by hand would be clearly marked and mapped, and removed by those

who laid them after the end of hostilities. The second major category of mines - "remotely delivered" - would be built to selfdestruct or self-deactivate after a maximum of 120 days. Both categories would be made detectable to mine-clearers.

This may seem like a step in the

right direction, particularly as the new protocol will probably cover civil wars, where most mines are used today. Nonetheless, it is still glaringly at odds with a growing conviction that there can be no compromise with a weapon that claims 26.000 victims a year.

Four hundred groups in state
40 countries have now joined in
international campaign to this pe
production, use and transfer of antipersonnel land mines. They are supported by all major humanitarian agencies and 22 governments. Another 45 (including the US) respect a UN call to suspend

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Hong Kong

But some governments are singing a different tune, arguing for a new generation of "smart" mines, and warning those of us who favor a neighbor bain against being irresponsible and antagonizing governments like China which apparently feets mine secure for having strung mines along its borders with Vietnam along its borders with Vietnam and Russia. Be careful of killing this agreement, we are told: You may also be killing more innocent mine victims.

Reasonable, perhaps. But understand our suspicions. Jane: Weekly predicts a rosy future for the "remote delivery of mines over large distances" as warfare becomes increasingly computer-ized. Mine manufacturers are even starting to advertise their products as compatible with manitarian law.

And why was Russia able to argue (just as Russian toops suf-fered their first reverse in Chechilya fast year) that milies laid under enemy fire need not be marked?.

WE certainly want to make mines easier to detect if they are anything like the green plastic 72 A and B mines (also known as "toe poppers") given to the Khmer Rouge by China. But when we put Rouge by China But when we put this to Chinese delegates, they tell us they need 20 years or more to adjust their stocks. If everyone went than route, it could result in another 50 million mines being

There can be no compromise with a weapon that claims 26,000 victims a year

laid worldwide.

We can see the value of making remotely delivered mines self-destruct, because God knows those Russian made butterflies killed enough children in Afghanstan.

But we wonder why! Brism wants to except find based systems with a range of less dish 500 meters. Could this be hined at benefiting the British made Ranger, which dispatches 1,296 mines from lubes every five minmines from tubes every five min-utes but camor, also be easily or cheaply retrofitted to self-destruct?

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Of course we appeare of minefields being marked, mapped and removed. But we wonder why this will not be backed up by the kind of inspection that is down a standard feature in chestible arms control agreements.

Does this mean that the likes of the Bosnian Sero leader Gen. Ratto Mladic are to be taken on trust? We would like them that by the families of NATO peacekeep-ers in Bosnia. ers in Bosnia:

when we put all this logether, we continue to see an everyowering argument for declaring the land mine an international parish, like chemical wearons. Backed up by appropriate pressure, we feel that might have seen into Ecuador's armed forces before they laid, mines in the amazon during their skirmish with Peru during their skirmish with Peru last year - mines that are now killing their own fadians and ani-

that seems intended as appliate rather than eliminate mines. The fact is, we don't believe that governments will invest billions in smart mines, only to turn around and do away with them.

(Washington Post)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE RIGHT OF RETURN

notes that, in proclaiming the Pales-

tinian Declaration of Independence,

Arafat did not define the borders of

the Palestinian state. He avoids

mentioning, however, that in this,

Arafat was following an illustrious

precedent: David Ben-Gurion did

exactly the same thing in the Decla-

ration of Independence which he drafted in 1948. (Nor did the State of

Israel define its own borders up to

the present day.)
Still a third point taken up by Mr.

Bar-Illan is that Arafat has not rec-

ognizes "the right of Israel to exist" but merely "the fact of its exis-

tence." Yet, in this Arafat is well

ahead of us, since Israel - even

under the present government - has

not yet recognized either the right of

Palestine to exist, or the fact of its

existence, though this fact is becom-

ing increasingly obvious, for all to

Illan to apply some of the standards

of fair writing and reporting, which

he expects of the world's media, to

What Mr. Keller presents are

opinions, not facts. The AP chronol-

support of violence and disregard of

the law. Would Mr. Abelson prefer

that we tell the pupils that prime minister Rabin died in a road

The student debates in Israeli

schools, representing a wide variety

of political thought, are vital in our

quest for a free society based on

airing one's views. Only when

classroom discussion turns into

open support of physical violence

have we intervened to stop this phe-

nomenon from gaining a foothold in

Spokesman, Ministry of Education, Culture and

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Israel's educational system.

ogy did the same. - Ed. J.P.

ADAM KELLER

his own articles.

STUDENT DEBATES

accident?

I would like to advise Mr. Bar-

Sir, - In Eye on the Media of February 2, David Bar-Illan has found much wrong with AP's sum-mary of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In his view, the statement "On July 1, 1994, Arafat returned to his homeland" is wrong since Arafat though of a Jerusalem family - was himself born in Cairo.

Mr. Bar-Illan has probably no problem in subscribing to the central tenet of Zionism - that the homeland of all Jews is Eretz Yisrael; wherever they were born and however many generations have passed since any of their ancestors stepped on this country's soil, their coming here constitutes "a return to the homeland." Moreover, a person who converted to Judaism, even if he or she never had nay ancestor who lived in Eretz Yisrael, is also included in the Jewish "right of return to the homeland." Yet where a Palestinian is concerned, the fact of one generation being born outside the country seems enough to sever all connection and deprive him of the right to call Palestine his homeland! Such a double standard may seem very logical to David Bar-Illan, but he can hardly expect the compiler of AP's account to share in it.

Furthermore, David Bar-Illan

Sir, - Meir Abelson's letter of

January 16 entitled "Israel's

schools" is not only baseless, but

defies any recognizable reality re-

garding political debate in the na-

Mr. Abelson suggests that Prof.

Amnon Rubinstein, Minister of

Education, Culture and Sport, inves-

tigate, in his words. "the brainwash-

ing of pupils by teachers holding

schools is concerted effort by the

ministry to promote free and open

debate amongst students and teach-

ers, with opinions from both ends of

the political spectrum actively en-

couraged. We are also taking mea-

sures to curb extremists' invective in

What is going on in all Israeli

tion's classrooms.

leftist opinions.

REFRESHINGLY BLUNT

cious possessions and shove them where the sun don't shine.

Jewish brethren.

Our new economic, political, and psychological independence obviously perturbs our machers and their minions of yes-men. They seem to prefer 48-year-old children. Surely this is deep neurosis. They need help. They should get it from mental health professionals, not us. pretending that we still need and want their "nurturing" is highly un-healthy for both of us.

Thank you for your courage in

to be condemned - period.

It was particularly frustrating to

read of this linkage in an editorial in the Post (February 11). I can only imagine how you would have condemned any similar linkage that would show any measure of understanding for Arab terrorists by "justifying" them (even indirectly as you did in your editorial) in light of

I am sure that this is not consistent with your usual vigilance and

Sir. - Congratulations to Larry Derfner (January 28) for congratu-lating A.B. Yehoshua regarding Mr. Yehoshua's kindly remarks about the Israel-Diaspora macher industry. With pens mightier and tongues sharper than swords, these gentlemen - not-too-gently but oh-so-refreshingly bluntly - advise money/ influence-peddling macher "leaders" that they can take their pre-

Yes, as our state nears its 48th birthday, it is time to grow up. We can and must break the ties that have long bound us to a parent-child-like relationship with our non-Israeli

printing the views of Messrs. Yehoshua and Derfner.

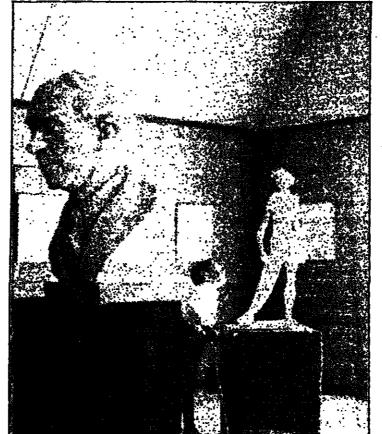
PAUL KORDA Mevasseret Zion.

TERROR IN LONDON Sir, - It is unfortunate and mis-

guided to present any linkage between the evil, horrible terror bomb in London and the actions of the British government. Terror deserves

the actions of our government.

outspoken rejection of terror. NEIL HASSID



PICTURE POSTSCRIPT

Art can be fun for the little fellow with an eye for detail. This aficionado is the photographer's son, in the now-defunct Artist's House in Jerusalem in 1952. (Werner Braun)

POSTSCRIPTS I

JOHN, ONCE the most popular boy's name in Britain, has been overtaken by Mohammed in the list of names given to last year's baby boys.

Jack is now the most popular, with John in 39th place, two places below Mohammed and several places below the fast-rising Cameron and Reece, the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys said.

Boys' names declining in popularity include Andrew and Jonathan, both of which have dropped seven places to 27th and 36th.

Jessica, the most popular girl's name, has usurped more traditional names such as Jennifer and Louise. It first appeared in the list only 11 years ago. Shannon. which gained popularity after the American television series Beverly Hills 90210, has shown the second greatest increase in popularity, rising 22 places to 11th.

Girls' names entering the Top 50 for the first time are Ellie, Abbie and Kayleigh. Other fast risers are Chelsea, Gemma and

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The Year Of The Rat Begins February 19

Celebrating **Chinese New Year** in Hong Kong

by Susan Farlow

fter the lion dancers stormed through my hotel lobby, banging drums and cymbals loud enough to wake the dead. there was no way evil spirits could be hanging around my hotel lobby. I had just arrived in Hong Kong, on the eve of Chinese Lunar New Year, during the territory's most important celebration. This three day public holiday is

full of ancient Chinese rintals and strange customs. You have a chance to see the real Hong Kong during this holiday," said a friend, a Hong Kong native, who went on to explain that the tradition of driving away evil spirits with noise goes back to the earliest days of Chinese history.

The legend relates that one winter night in prehis-

monster appeared after the sun had risen 365 times. And soon the wise men discovered the monster was afraid of three things: bright light, the color red and loud noise. As a result, on the 365th evening of the lunar year, the ancient Chinese lit up their homes brilliantly, painted the town red, and banged drums as they performed lion dances. The monster never

This ritual of bright lights—lots of red— and much noise continues to this day as a means to repel

evil and bring on good luck. I quickly realized I had a lot to learn about cele-

brating New Year's, Chinese-style. "Don't miss the flower markets tonight," said Stephen Wong of the Hong Kong Tourist Association.

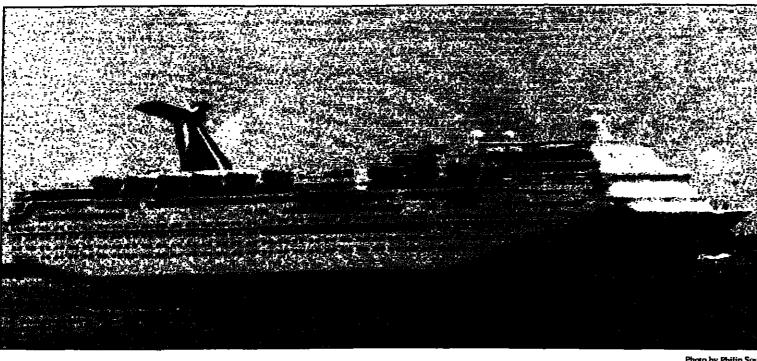
"I am going to bny shoes tonight." Shoes? On New Year's Eve? As Mr. Wong explained, the word "shoe" in Cantonese sounds like the word "sigh," which has negative connotations. Because no one wants to start the New Year in any unlucky or "negative" way, Hong Kongers do not buy shoes during the New Year period. They do buy all the shoes they want up through midnight on New Year's Eve. Chinese New Year, as I was learning, was bursting with symbolism and superstition.

Later that evening, my husband and I set off by tram for the huge flower fair at Victoria Park. We enjoyed a front-row, center-seat view of New Year's we events through the tram's double-decker win-





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WHEN YOU

By Philip Sousa

Copley News Service

"Just look at us!" said Debby Record. "We're all having such a grand time."

"Us" included 17-year-old Lyann (one of her three daughters) and a score of their friends from home, Joplin, Missouri. We were aboard the spiffy 65-foot catamaran Yucatan Fury on the return leg of a terrific half-day snorkeling, sailing and beach party out of . Mexico's delightful Cozumel.

After wandering about incredibly clear waters packed with fish, we'd tried sea kayaking and wind surfing, played volleyball, swam and sunbathed while on an otherwise deserted and spotless beach. On the way back to port, as complimentary cool beers and zesty margaritas were served, a spirited crew member danced to "Magdalena" and other catchy pop hits from the roof of the boat's small bar. On the open deck below, his nearly 100 guests followed him, or

We were traveling around the Western Caribbean on the newest "Fun Ship" of Carnival Cruise Lines, the 2,040-passenger Imagination. Two months and a day after she entered service, we were sailing from Miami on a round-trip week-long itinerary that includ-

A Scenic Passage: The Panama Canal

By Brenda Warner Rotzoll

Chicago Sun-Times

ALBOA. Panama-A gentle breeze wafts by. the full moon casts a highway of light across the bay and a veritable Main Street of twinkling electric lights stretches for miles into the Pacific.

The man-made lights are those of ships by the dozen lined up waiting their turn for passage through the greatest construction project the world has ever known, the Panama Canal.

Technology, what a lure thou art, and not just to freighters, tankers and warships a year seeking to cut 8,000 miles off the voyage from North Pacific to North Atlantic. The trade group Cruise Lines International Association estimates 288,000 residents of the United States and Canada took a cruise through the Panama Canal last year. That's more than double the number who cruised through the canal 10 years ago. (CLIA keeps U.S.-Canada figures because those nations provide nine-tenths of the people who take

cruises anywhere in the world.) "I always wanted to see the Panama Canal, so I said 'Why not," retired schoolteacher Erling Lund of Seattle said, explaining why he booked passage on the first cruise of his life.

Lund was one of more than a thousand fellow passengers when I took the first cruise of my life in December, a 10-day trip aboard Royal Cruise Line's Royal Odyssey from Acapulco, Mexico, down the west coast of Central America and through the canal to the Netherlands Antilles in the south central Caribbean.

Royal Cruise Line has now merged into Norwegian Cruise Line. NCL will make several passages of the Panama Canal in 1996.

Any Caribbean cruise offers sun, fun and warm weather. A cruise that includes passage through the

Panama Canal adds the attractions of historic endeav-

covered with jungle vegetation line the northern and

southern ends of the route, with two man-made lakes

ships 85 feet from sea level, trees have been cut back

and there are grassy banks several hundred feet wide

Winding through the Culebra Cut, down the

(islands that are the peaks of drowned hills) there

runs down the western spine of North, Central and

South America. Here the French tried for the last two

decades of the 19th century to hack out a canal 50 miles

long linking the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Ferdinand

de Lesseps, builder of the Suez Canal, insisted for most

of that time it must be a canal at sea level, with much of

That proved impossible because of the storm-dri-

ven rises and falls on the Chagres, where the water

level could rise 15 feet in a day. Another problem was

the tides on the Pacific side, which zip up and down as

The United States finally bought out the French

and set out to build a canal with locks in 1904, after

first creating a climate which encouraged Panama to

revolt against Colombia, declare independence and

the route following the Chagres River.

much as 21 feet a day.

Chagres River or through the islands that dot the lakes

often is no other ship in sight. All is silent but for the

throb of the ship's engines, the call of a bird, the rustle

Panama is the low spot on the mountain chain that

at the center. Near the locks which raise and lower

That beauty is green, calm and remote. Steep hills

or and otherworldly beauty.

before the jungle takes over again.

of the breeze.

A cruise that includes passage through

the Panama Canal adds the attractions of

invite President Theodore Roosevelt in to build his

I prepared for my canal voyage by rereading one of my favorite books, David McCullough's epic history The Path Between the Seas (Touchstone Books Simon & Schuster trade, \$14.95). It contains the greatest existing compilation of facts, figures and social history concerning the canal. Most of my shipmates obtained their information the easy way, by listening to the canal history provided by the official commentator who boards each cruise ship moving through Panama. Every few minutes a bit of history, or information on some landmark we were passing, would be broadcast on the ship's loudspeaker system.

Pilots in the employ of the Panama Canal Commission guide every ship that passes through. One, two or three pilots are used, depending on size. The Royal Odyssey rated two pilots, both of them Americans, Captains Bob Spencer and Barry Patten. Spencer came out of retirement because there is such a shortage of canal pilots.

We were several miles offshore come morning when they boarded to guide us through the long, dredged channel leading to Balboa, the port at the Pacific end of the canal. The sun had just risen-in the east, over the Pacific, which felt as odd as it sounds.

Most people think of the canal running from east to west, from Atlantic to Pacific. It doesn't, Panama is shaped like a shallow S curve lying on its side. The Atlantic-Pacific axis actually runs from northwest to southeast, and the Pacific port of Balboa is more than 20 miles east of the Atlantic ports of Cristobal and Colon.

Balboa and next-door Panama City gleamed marble white in the morning sun as we approached the rainbow-arched Bridge of the Americas carrying the Pan-American Highway over the Rio Grande. We entered the river and a few miles inland, ascended 54 feet in the two-chamber Miraflores locks, passed through little Miraflores Lake, and went up another 31 feet in the Pedro Miguel lock.

Most of the passage across Panama is at 85 feet above sea level, including the 9-mile-long Culebra Cut through the the mountains Constant landslides here added more than 25 million cubic yards of earth and rock

historic endeavor and otherworldly beauty. to the material which had to be excavated for the canal. That was nearly one-tenth

> the total of 262 million cubic yards. The slides never stop. The remains of one in 1994 still are being cleared away from the sides of the canal. The reason for this slippage is that the isthmus rose and sank in the sea three times over the course of 60 million years. Alternating layers of earth and seabed create zones of instability, narrator Ed Paulk

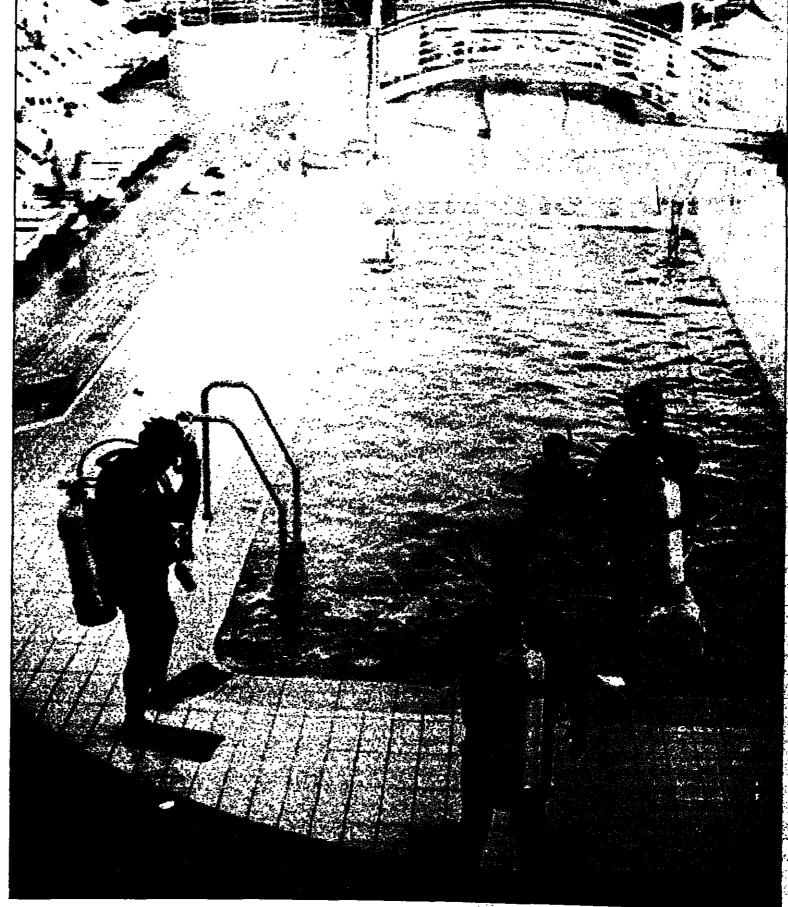
Beyond the cut is Gatun Lake, and at its northern or Atlantic end are the three stepped chambers of the Gatun locks. Pass them, and you soon are in the open waters of the Caribbean.

The canal follows the line of the old Panama Railroad, built because of the California gold rush. The railroad was used to haul supplies for building the canal.

A canal at this height is possible because about 300 inches of rain a year falls in Panama and much of it is channeled into storage lakes feeding the locks. Some 26 million gallons of fresh water is released into the locks for each upward or downward passage. It flows downward by gravity. Lock gates are electrically controlled, with the electricity generated at spillways in the storage dams.

That electricity also powers the "mules" or electric railroad engines which pull each ship into the locks. Ships do not move into the locks under their own power because they could malfunction and damage

The tense moments of each passage come as a vessel moves into the various lock chambers. Pilots with hand radio sets issue orders to the mules. They also give commands to the ship's officers, who relay them



Why not take the time to learn scuba while on board?

to workers handling cables that reach from ship to lock wall or to mule.

Moving into the topmost of the Gatun lock chambers, we touched the side of the lock on the starboard side. "Hey, wake up. Slack that line." the pilot yelled.

Tens of thousands of ships a year pass through the canal. The gates and lock chambers never have sustained serious damage.

Our daylong trip through the canal marked the one time passengers were reluctant to go to lunch. It was too interesting up on deck. But most of us did grab a quick bite in the dining room because this was the day for the Caribbean buffet, a riot of ice sculptures, fruit and vegetable sculptures and flowers surrounding dozens of meal choices.

Cruises are notorious for the profusion of food they offer. The Royal Odyssey's daily listing of available edibles included early coffee and cinnamon rolls poolside; three locations serving breakfast; a sit-down luncheon plus lunch buffet, soup and sandwiches, or grilled specialities at the bar: afternoon tea with cakes and cookies in the lounge, with dancing, or frozen yogurt and cookies, poolside; an elegant sit-down dinner, a late-evening buffet for the still-hungry, and 24hour tea and coffee service for insomniacs. Plus room service any old time.

It helps to be a speed reader if you're going on a Caribbean cruise-it's exhausting just reading the menu. let alone the daily ship's bulletins on all the fun that's there for passengers to enjoy.

Here's a less than comprehensive list of what was going on in addition to lounging on deck chairs and walking five laps per mile around the deck on my cruise:

Nightly live shows, movies in the theater, movies on television in your stateroom, swimming, exercise classes, captain's reception, special activities (which vary each cruise) including spa specialists, a grapholegist (hand-writing analyst), a dance teacher, an imaging specialist (make yourself look good), a craft, teacher and a bridge teacher, regular salon and spa activities, an on-board casmo, dury-free shopping aboard, plus shore excursions to Cosia Rica, the San

Bias Islands, Curação and Aruba. No wonder my favorite daily activity was a nice nap.



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ed Cozumei, a brief stop at nearby Playa del Carmen for an excursion to Tulum's remarkable seaside Mayan ruins, as well as stops in Grand Cayman and

On that fully booked voyage in early September, the age garnut spanned from pre-teens to newlyweds to couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries. I guessed that more than half those on our floating reson were baby boomers (roughly between aces 35 and 50), with and without kids. The passen-. gers' backgrounds, professions and hometowns were quite diverse.

All the passengers I met echoed the verdict of the lively passenger from Joplin - they told me they were having a ball.

ASSORTED CRUISE FACTS Camival's admittedly glitzy "Fun Ship" scores

high across the demographic map, except perhaps' with the butler-and-cavial set. Other major lines I believe appeal to a broad-range of vacationers include Celebrity, Princess and Royal Caribbean.

Each of the more than 100 ships that bost vacationers has a distinct personality. Nationality of the crew, cuisine, physical layout and decor are among important elements that determine a vessel's feel or ambiance.

The common denominator is that, no matter which ship you choose, what you pay for your movable holiday includes accommodations, abundant and often excellent food, a host of leisure activities, entertainment and, as a rule, air fare to and from the vessel and airport/ship transfers. Bar drinks, shore excursions, tips and shopping are the only extras.

CHOOSING YOUR SHIP

Cost and length of the voyage are, of course, key factors. But there are others you should consider: Destination. Will it be your first time there or an

encore visit? If the latter, then ports of call and the line's experience in the region take on added import. Either way, "when" should be right up there with cost. Sailing before or after an area's high season usually means great savings and no crowds on ships or harbors.

Size. For lots of action and company, pick a mega-

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liner, such as the 855-foot-long Imagination. Large ships, with room for about 1,000 passengers, usually have a more relaxed pace, and some, such as Crystal's Harmony and Symphony, are downright palatial.

Those in the medium category-400 to 700 guests-are often more spacious. Small vessels-from 100 to 300 passengers-can be casual and inexpensive, like the Star Clippers (yes, those two beauties with real sails) or luxurious and pricey, such as Seabourn's twin jewels.

Shipmates. A competent travel agent, a reliable cruise guidebook or trusted friends should help you learn what kind of vacationer a ship attracts and thus you can decide if it's the one for you.

Amenities and features. Most of us look at a cruise as a change of pace from life at home, but some don't wish to give up their cholesterol-free diet, morning run, pre-dinner soak in the hot tub, the 6 p.m. news or other daily habits. Ensure that the ships under consideration can meet your particular requirements.

Hobbies and interests. Increasingly, lines offer "theme" sailings that-via lectures from experts, competitions and performances - spotlight the likes of backgammon, music, mystery novels, cooking, all sorts of sports and much more. Some of these, such as

the annual Floating Jazz Festival aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's Norway, are sold out months in

Special factors. Besides the variables highlighted above, families, honeymooners, singles and the physically challenged should ascertain that the ships in which they are interested have the desired or needed

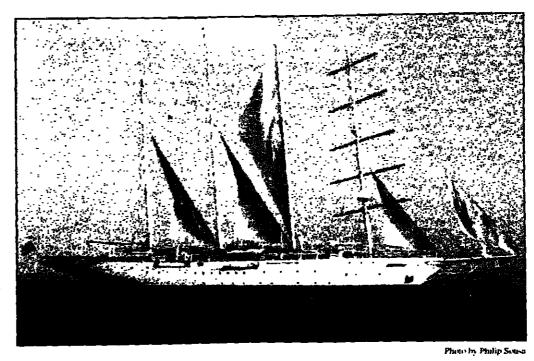
> Sailing with youngsters. Several major lines have ships with playgrounds, video rooms, teen centers and other facilitiessome supervised, others not-for young cruisers. And their fares (for the sea

voyage, but not necessarily for the flights involved) are often very reasonable, especially when sharing a cabin with their parents.

At present, two-ship Premier is the only line catering exclusively to families. It offers three- and fournight sailings to the Bahamas from Florida's Port Canaveral; these may be combined with similar-length packages at nearby theme parks such as Sea World. Universal Studios and Walt Disney World.

Honeymooners. Yes, the right ship, time and location usually translate into a series of romantic days laced with pampering and special moments. Most lines have packages designed with new Mr. and Mrs. Happy Cruiser in mind and similar options for those wishing to mark their umpreenth anniversary with a marriage vows renewal ceremony. Features vary from one line to the next, but they usually include queensize or double bed, private cocktail party with the skipper, table for two in the dining room, breakfast in hed and sonvenirs.

Singles, Cruising solo has its advantages. For one, it's usually easier to meet and socialize with other passengers or, if the solitary type, keep such encounters to a minimum. Singles, however, usually must pay 150 percent to twice the per-person fare, which is



Today many tourists are opting trips on Clipper ships.

based on double occupancy. A few lines, such as Cunard, Radisson Seven Seas and Seabourn, have substantially lower surcharges. And at least one. Star-Clippers, which late this year will add Southeast Asia to its popular roster of European and Caribbean voyages under sail, will not charge singles extra on a space-available basis.

Physically challenged. Needing a cane, walker or wheelchair to get around need not keep you from enjoying the safe and comfortable environment found aboard many, but by no means all, liners. Medium to large vessels often have the best facilities, such as specially fitted bathrooms in cabins (clearly shown on brochures' deck plans) designated for disabled passen gers, ramps by steps and sills, doors wide enough for a walker or wheelchair and, of course, elevators.

At the ports you wish to visit, will the ship dock or anchor offshore? If one's mobility is impaired, going ashore on a tender is at best very difficult, often impossible. (If depending on a battery-operated wheelchair, make sure the airline you are planning to use to get to your ship and back allows for it; some do not, others require that the battery be drained before it's placed aboard the aircraft.)

Short trips. Taking one of several three- and fourday sailings available, primarily in California and Florida, at often bargain rates is a way to test the

cruising waters.

Locking up the best deal. The unprecedented number of new liners vying for your patronage (including Celebrity's spectacular new Century and Princess' dazzling Sun, currently the world's largest cruise liner) means simply this: From the largest discounts on record to two-for-the-price-of-one and other lures, there are more bargains than ever for the savvy shopper. And that's whether you book through a large-volume specialist like the Cruise Line, (001) 305/653-6111, or your own trusted agent.

Chronologically, from now on the best deals will be in the Caribbean, then Panama Canal sailings. Alaska and Europe, New England/Canada in the fall, followed by Southeast Asia (especially itineraries that include Vietnam and Hong Kong).

"Cruising. Answers to Your Questions." an informative booklet by the 27-member Cruise Lines International Association (CLJA), is available from CLIA, 500 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1407, New York, New York 10110. Its site on the World Wide Web is http://www.ten-io.com/clia/ where a prospective cruiser can get the address of an affiliate travel agency

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Who's cruising?

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This debonies the myth that mainly the elderly opt for vacations at spe. James C. Goderner, CLIA precident, annue that the boomers, about 35 and 55 pages and appropriate a whosping 55 percent of current chilic passengers, while only 15 percent are ever 50.

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enjoyed their flist saling and want to do it again.
Consumption shoppies. 16 percent of those surveyed, which homes of various ages, look for the best value but not necessarily the cheapest price when choosing a cruise or other type of vacation.

Luxury seekers. Fourteen percent of those in the CLIA shady can amond and opt for the best in

By Philip Sousa a observation: Post suites with balconies, butets and other required amenities can be found on the so-called mainstream ships of several mjor popular lines, such as Cunard, Celebrity. ind America, Princess, Royal Caribbean and Royal Cruise, But others, the likes of Crystal's Harmony and Symphony, Cunant's two Sea Coddoises, Radisson Seven Seas' Radisson ed and Song of Flower, Royal Cruise' Queen Odyssey, and Seabourn's Pride and Spirit, litter in size but all offer nothing but houry.

Explorers. Eleven percent of those surveyed are, according to CLIA, highly educated, seasoned travelers who enjoy being active while on vacation, are keen on exploration and adventure and seek out different and unusual destinations. While the Caribbean remains the Humber One

cruise choice in the world, Godsman noted, offthe beaten track areas in Africa, Antarctica, Southeast Asia, South America and the South Pacific are being explored by a larger number of isas than ever before.

Ship halfs. At six percent, this is the survey's affect and age wise the most senior segment. But they are the vast majority of the 52 percent that CLIA has found to be repeat or frequent

"Ship buth are attracted to the comfortable, should today's ships," said Godsman. "Cost is typically not as much a factor as choice of cruise line and cruise ship."

This group prefers more relaxing time at sea and lewer organized activities.



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Dancing on Board

The Music Begins with **Gentlemen Hosts**

By Alison DaRosa

Copley News Service

here were 22 single men-and 202 single women-aboard a cruise I took last fall through the Black Sea. Still, every woman aboard ship who wanted to dance eventually found a partner. Six "gentlemen hosts" filled the gap.

"It's my main reason for cruising on this ship," said Eleanor Vargo from Toronto. "I love to dance. My husband is at home. He doesn't dance. He doesn't even like to travel." "On other cruises, I sit and hear this wonderful

music. With my feet tapping, I sit and I sit. There's nobody to dance with. I do dance here. And there are no strings attached. That's the other thing that I love." said Betty Gates, a widow from San Diego: "All

"I'm having a wonderful time waltzing my way around the world," he said.

cruise lines should have host programs."

Today, at least eight cruise lines have inaugurated gentiemen bosts' programs.

Gates and Vargo were among about 70 women, ages 30 to 80, who showed up on the second night for a singles cocktail party, where they'd meet the gentlemen hosts. Most of the women who attended were in their 60s: proper ladies, with neatly coifed, white hair. inconspicuous jewelry, buffed fingernails. They wore pretty party dresses or tailored pantsuits.

Margaret Falls from Nanaimo, British Columbia, whose husband died two years earlier, wore a white eyelet dress and tiny silver earrings. She didn't know about the host program when she booked the cruiseand was as pervous as a preteen at a party.

"It has been 30 years since I last danced," she con-

fided. "But I'm nuts about dancing. I think it will ease some of the pain of missing my husband. And maybe I'll lose a few pounds."

After the hosts had danced a few numbers, and cocktail servers had made the rounds, the six hosts. gathered on stage and introduced themselves. Ed Marx, a retired chemical engineer from Houston, explained that he was on his 50th cruise as a host with Royal Cruise Line.

"I'm having a wonderful time waltzing my way around the world." he said.

Mel Carey, another Texan, was on his second cruise as a host. Californian Burt Ophaug, a "semiretired insurance agent" was on his third cruise. Carl Bayne of Maryland, also new to hosting, explained that he retired from NASA in 1989.

Mel Cook, from Portland, Oregon, explained that there would be no wallflowers on this cruise. "We want to dance with all of you," he said. "If perchance

Roy Bigden from Portsmouth, England, the head host, officiated at a raffle that followed introductions. "You get to keep the champagne," he said, "but you don't get to keep the host."

LET THE MUSIC BEGIN

Everybody laughed.

Then the music started—and the hosts went to work. So did the cruise ship's photographer, later, the women would be able to buy proof that they'd danced all night.

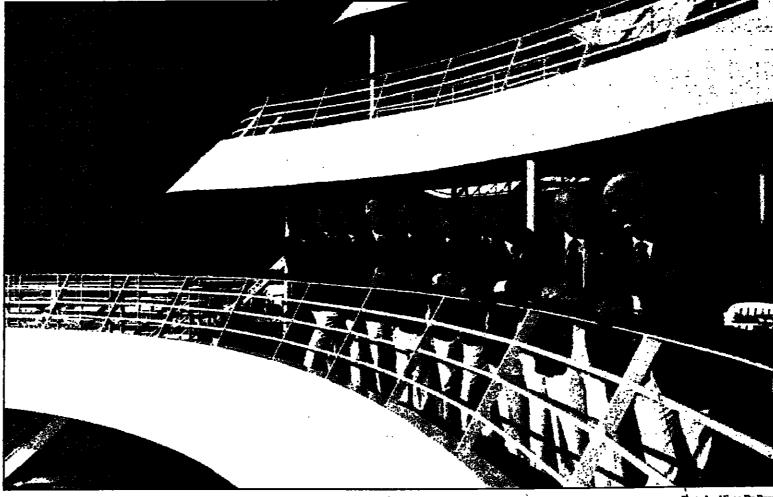
"I'm Roy," said Bigden, as he held me at a respectable distance during a slow dance. "Where are you from? Guess where I'm from ..." His small talk ended as abruptly as the music. When the dance was finished, he gently maneuvered me back to my seat.

The next dance was fast-but none of the hosts sat it out. Priscilla Mills, a San Diego travel agent, jitterbugged so hard she broke her sandal.

"He was an excellent dancer," she said of her host. partner. "But on the whole, these guys are better in the looks department than they are in the dance department."

FIT THE HOST PROFILE?

Cruise lines' gentlemen hosts are not paid employees; they're volunteers. They get a free cruise, usually including air transportation between home and



Besides knowing how to dance, gentlemen bosts must be single, sociable, gracious and at least 45 years old.

embarkation ports, in exchange for services. They work 14-hour days, seven days a week. Besides dancing, they lead dance classes, play cards, usher tour groups and dine with single women passengers.

Hosts typically share an inside cabin with another host. They get a small allowance for laundry and buying drinks aboard ship for women passengers. Hosts must be single, sociable, gracious, at least 45 years old-and must pack their own tuxedos and dinner jackets. They must also know how to dance.

"If anyone is thinking of doing this type of program, he might begin right away by looking at dance as a sport," said Lauretta Black of Santa Clara-based Working Vacations Inc., which screens potential hosts for nine cruise lines. "If you were going to play tennis at Wimbledon or golf in some professional tournament, wouldn't you get ready by taking golf or tennis lessons? You'd want to get back into the swing of the sport.

"Getting into the swing of being a gentleman host doesn't mean signing up with some chain for hours and hours of expensive lessons. It means going to dances at senior centers-and finding an independent dance instructor who could give you some private lessons. And it means practice, practice, practice."

"Not everybody really is cut out to do this sort of thing," Black said. "Gentlemen hosts have the responsibility of mixing and mingling with a wide variety of women-for the sport of dance and the sport of making fun and friendship with women. They are gentlemen with a great kindness of heart."

THE GIGOLO FACTOR What about the gigolo factor?

"No favoritism is allowed aboard ship," said

"It's a dismissable offense to go to a lady's cabin," said Bigden. "The cruise director will put you off at the next port. I'm in support of that. The moment you start doing that, you're being unfair to the other ladies."

Romance may be against the rules, but one can always hope, said Marjorie Pugh, a big fan of the hosts and a repeat cruiser aboard Royal Cruise Line. "You could easily fall in love, if you let yourself,"

And Bigden, 75, a remed commander in the Royal Navy, acknowledges that Pugh is right. He has a girl-friend, Lura "Rusty" Shaver of San Diego, Calif., the widow of a U.S. Navy captain. They met aboard the

Crown Odyssey, while he was hosting. A genuinely nice man, who still has the red-andblack dress his wife wore on the day they met and recalls that "Paper Doll" was the first song they danced to, Bigden has been widowed since 1981.

He didn't go into details, but Bigden said he and Shaver missed lunch in Venice. The others didn't mind. When the three-week cruise from Athens to San

Juan was over, everybody exchanged addresses. That was nearly four years ago. Since then, Shaver's been to England four times to visit Bigden, and he's been to San Diego to visit her at least as many times. Both Bigden and Shaver still cruise-but so far,

never together when Bigden's a volumeer bost. For information on cruise lines with hosts, contact your local travel agent.

For prospective hosts: Men at least 45 years old and interested in becoming gentleman hosts can contact Lauretta Black at The Working Vacation Inc., 4277 Lake Santa Clara Drive, Santa Clara, California The observer the real ways a second

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New Year From page 1

dows. Sidewalks were clogged with people carrying parcels. Shops boasted signs which screamed: "Big Sale!"

Before the New Year begins, everyone makes a mad rush to buy new clothes, pay debts, clean house, end feuds, etc. This is done so that one can begin the New Year with a clean slate. Not to do so is to court bad luck.

At a bank near the flower fair, I noticed an avalanche of ATM (automated-teller machine) receipts on the ground, as people withdrew money for New Year's festivities and obligations. Banks, shops and hotels were flooded with decorations. Huge signs marked "Kung Hei Fat Choy," ("Have a happy and prosperous New Year") decorated the streets. Ten-story-tall pigs (1995 was the Year of the Pig), outlined in lights, stretched across the fronts of skyscrapers. Strips of red paper (the color red symbolizes good luck), painted with messages of wealth and longevity, were taped on doors.

By the time we reached the flower market, the crowds had grown into solid throngs. Couples with children in tow were busy making purchases of kumquat bushes or peach

Amidst the holiday festivities, two teenagers take a minute to relax.

blossoms, lucky decorations for their homes. Age-old beliefs

female relationships, while kumquat trees promise good for-

tune since "kum" sounds like the Chinese word for "gold."

Earlier in the evening, these families had polished off their

grand reunion dinner at which the entire family, including

New Year's food reeks with symbolism and spiritual sig-

nificance. Every dish is chosen for its auspicious association,

and a New Year's Eve menu might include long strands of

noodles for long life, oysters because the word in Cantonese

the spirits of their ancestors, had been assembled.

maintain that peach blossoms bring good luck in male-

sounds like "good business," and fish since it sounds like

New Year menus are elaborate spreads indeed, but they must be prepared early. Why? Because once the holiday begins, knives and scissors are put away for the entire period-using sharp instruments might cause bad luck. I learned, too, that brooms and vacuums are not used for fear they might sweep away good fortune.

As New Year's Eve wore on, I saw no sign that children were heading home for bedtime. Turns out, tykes are encouraged to stay up till past midnight. It is believed that their lives will be shortened if they are not awake for the start of

Based on the lunar calendar, Chinese New Year can fall anywhere between January 21 and February 19. The Chinese lunar calendar is the longest chronological record in history, dating back to 2,637 B.C. In the lunar cycle, the years are named, in recurring chronological order, after 12 animals: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Ram, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. Moreover, each animal year

is associated with different characteristics. A Tiger year, for example, is supposed to be extremely turbulent; a Monkey

year, marked by innovation and creativity.

Legend has it that when Lord Buddha summoned all the

earth's animals to him before he departed for heaven, only

these 12 animals showed up to bid him farewell. He reward-

ed them by naming a year after each. And guess who showed

The Rat year should be one of opportunity and success, a

And what if you were born in a Rat year-1900, 1912.

1924, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996? You are likely to be honest.

up first? The rat. In 1996, the Lunar New Year arrives on

February 19, the beginning of the Year of the Rat.

good time to launch new projects and ventures.

ambitious, persistent, sociable and short-tempered. Some famous rats are Marlon Brando, Mozart, William Shakespeare, President Carter and Alan Alda.

I don't know if the kids got much sleep last night on New Year's Eve, but they were sure out in full force on the first day of the New Year. Day I is the time for wearing those new clothes, visiting temples to have your fortune told (one temple, Wong Tai Sin, had 80,000 visitors on a recent New Year's Day!), honoring your ancestors and getting together with family and close friends.

For kids and unmarried folks, this is also the day to receive lai sie, little red envelopes filled with lucky money (usually a gesture believed to bring good luck and prosperity

Don't worry about catching a lion dance performance. You don't have to go looking for them. They'll find you. On this one day alone, I stumbled into these acrobatic dance troupes as I walked through the Peninsula Hotel. A little later, as I was putting away a festive meal at the Eaton Hotel, another "lion" (booming band in tow) roared into the dining room, stopping at each table, batting his huge eyelashes and making a deep bow to those who gave him a lucky money envelope.

Our Hong Kong friend and dinner companion moaned about the noisy lion. "I already had a headache." Well, that's the whole idea about lion dances: making lots of noise.

The next day I would witness this ancient custom put into use in another way: Fireworks!

The fireworks were scheduled to take place at 8 p.m. over Victoria Harbour, one of the world's most dazzling ports. By 6 p.m., crowds were already thick. Many families had brought picnics; others whiled away the time checking out a street market which had just been set up.

The waterfront area was not the only place to view the fireworks. Some folks watched from harborside restaurants, or the fabled Star Ferry, or even hotel rooms. Matter of fact, our own room at the Royal Pacific Hotel would have provided a magnificent bird's-eye-view of the spectacle.

The fireworks erupted at 8 p.m. on the dot, booming and thundering like some fantastic battle being waged. The sky was painted with bursts of gold, green, violet, raspberry.

Adults were "oohed" and "aahed" as much as the kids. It was hard to picture a more thrilled crowd. Before long, the air was thick with smoke from the spent fireworks. Twentyfive minutes later, the last evil spirit had been shooed out of Hong Kong. Happy New Year!

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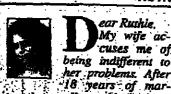
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Husbands: Listen Nothing beats being lost, then found more, solve less

RUTHIE BLOM



cuses me of being indifferent to her problems. After 18 years of marriage, I can tell you this is outrageous if anyone is responsible for my lack of interest. It is she for years we fought bitterly every time she complained about some thing. As soon as I affected my help or made suggestions, she attacked me for trying to run her life. So I stopped taking part in these dis-

This was an attempt to save out ! marriage, not destroy it. I fem-totally buffled and would like your

Somewhere in Israel

it is very common for men to regard problems as "things to be solved." Interpreting your wife's complaining to be a request for a remedy, your response was to "prescribe" proper treatment for her ailulents. But your wife was apparent. ly not interested in being "cured" and took your assistance to be an

attempt at "running her life."
Not wanting to be told what to
do is very different from not wanting to be heard. Women tend to find the process of airing their problems cathartic. You ceased taking part in this kind of interaction as a way of avoiding conflict. But denying your wife the oppor-tunity to think aloud has caused her to consider you indifferent.

Your options are not limited to problem-solving or apathy. A third possibility is to listen with empathy. A foot massage couldn't hurt,

Dear Ruthie:

I saw a film on TV about s anorexia. It suddenly occurred to me that my great-granddaughter may be suffering from it. I spoke to pty grandson (her father) about my jeans, but he was more amused Man concerned: "You think every body needs fattering up!"-is what e said. This may be true. I am from a different generation, which doesn't consider skin and bones to be healthy or attractive. Still, I think I am not exaggerating. My great-granddaughter wouldn't listen to me, even if I wanted to say something to her. I am worried, and do not know what else to do

Nahariya Dear AAA. If your great-granddaughter indeed is anorexic, you are right to be worried. You were also right to

Anxious About Anorexia

discuss your fears with her father. Perhaps his amusement was justified, and his daughter is fashionably slender, rather than starving herself to death. As long as you continue to believe there is cause for concern, however, do not allow your grandson's attitude to silence

you. Speak to his wife, as well. Whether or not you are right, it is likely that your grandson heard what you said. A seed has been planted in his mind, which will be difficult to ignore, no matter how hard he laughs at your old-fashioned ideas about weight.

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Each year, several thousand Israelis are reported missing. 'Netz' is prepared to find them. Ori Golan

recently married yeshiva student disappeared, leav-Ling behind a pregnant and very worried wife.

reports

The police have limited resources for dealing with some 3,000 disappearances each year. So his family turned to Netz ("Hawk"), a private investigation company that specializes in locating missing people.

Netz agents infiltrated a number

of yeshivot in search of him.

That case was particularly tricky," recalls Nati Sagi, a former GSS agent who started the company a year ago. These are peo-ple who are very suspicious and the investigation was complicat-

The young man was eventually found, confused and exhausted, living in squalid conditions in a yeshiva in the north.

"We are not competing with, or working against, the Israeli police force," Sagi stresses. "We are merely offering the public an alternative framework in which to search for their missing relatives. With some 3.000 cases of disappearances each year, the police cannot do a thorough job on each



Nati Sagi (right) and his partner Zaki Zuriel: When it comes to a search, time is of the essence.

And with an 85 percent success record in their first year, Sagi and his parmer Zaki Zuriel, also a former GSS agent, are already

preparing for a busy future. Netz, Sagi says proudly, does not work on a priority basis and doesn't have a 48-hour waiting period between the time a request for helpis registered and when the search begins.

"Our response reaction is immediate," Sagi explains. "We begin our work as soon as we are notified on our 24-hour telephone

"Immediately upon notification. we set up a profile of the missing person: age, profession, place and circumstances of disappearance, etc. Our success hinges on quick,

"Time, as we see it, is the essence. The longer we wait, not only does it make the search more complicated, since the person is able to get further away, but the chances of finding the missing person in good health are reduced. We not only want to find the person, but we want to find him alive

and well. Netz assigns a team of two investigators and a psychologist to each case. The psychologist, Zuriel claims, is an indispensable

part of the team. "You have to understand that 68 percent of those reported missing disappear following clashes at home. Often, families in pursuit of a missing relative choose not to give you the whole story. Their stories are frequently riddled with half-truths and details which they try and cover up.

"Apart from helping build the missing person's profile, the psychologist manages to tease out bits of information from the family which they would otherwise not divulge, information which can often be crucial in locating the missing person."

"Not long ago." Sagi says, "a well-known and respected lecturer came here in search of his wife who had disappeared two weeks previously. He came with their two children and painted a rosy picture of family life and matrimonial harmony.

"It was only through our psychologist that we got to the bottom of the story. It transpired that the man's wife fell victim to his violent temper and had fled their home after he had assaulted her. We eventually tracked her down to a women's shelter in a different part of the country."

Netz's investigators use jeeps, helicopters, and high-tech communication equipment in their

We teach them all the tricks of the trade," Zuriel smiles, "everything from how to present a picture of a missing person to mem-bers of the public down to the fine details of field work. If they need to take on a fake identity or dress up in order to merge into a certain crowd, then they know how to do

Several months ago, an industrialist hired Netz to search for his runaway daughter. After setting up a profile, Sagi and Zuriel, along with the psychologist, con-cluded that she was working as a prostitute. Two of their investigators posed as potential clients and combed the classified ads in the newspapers and visited escort

After two months, they recognized her voice when they responded to an advertisement and arranged to meet her. At that point, they contacted her family, who arranged for a relative to turn up for the meeting and persuade her to return home.

Netz's fees depend on the nature and scale of the investigation.

"Setting up a profile costs NIS 300," Zuriel says. "As for the searches and field work, this can amount to a heavy sum, especially if we need to use helicopters and other expensive means."

But money isn't what drives

"When, after weeks of tedious work, you manage to unravel the story behind a person's disappearance and when you finally bring it to a happy end, there is a feeling of relief and deep satisfaction. Sagi says. "Nothing beats that!"

Sierra Leone: West Africa's tragic basket case

The economy is plundered by the military government, the country's interior is in the hands of sadistic young soldiers from both the army and rebels. This is Siema Leone.

Immortalized by Graham Greene's seedy but affectionate portrayal in The Heart of the Matter, it is now a basket case, even by the shambolic standards of West Africa

power, still wields considerable influence in Freetown, the capital. It is said that nothing happens there without the knowledge of the UK High Commissioner, Ian McCluney.

indeed. Greene himself would have relished the fact that, only two years ago, McCluney recommended a certain Julius Maada Bio, the then No. 2 in the junta, for a place on a "Management of Change" course in Britain. The course was completed, but its lessons seem to have been ignored or, perhaps, learned only too well. Last month, Bio ousted the president, the 30-year-old disco-loving Capt. Valentine Strasser. Now he is spending millions of pounds on his state residence, hardly the mark of a man preparing to step down at this month's polls. Stories such as these reinforce the impression of Africa as a continent of banana republics, a source of amusing anecdotes for the rest of the "civilized" world. The reality for the people who live there is more tragic.

AFRICA INURES you to suffering, but nothing prepared Francis

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SIERRA LEONE

Momoh for the night the rebels came to his door to chop off his hands, it was midnight and he was asleep. T started to run to them Simils in her tropical garden in: bush but the machete-wielders of West-Africa's foremost human were waiting there too. One of them started hacking at my head ...-I can see his face now. He couldn't have been more than 12 or 13.

"I tried to fend off the blade with my right hand. He sliced through my fingers. Then he began to saw away at my left hand." Momoh is one of 58 patients in the Medecius sans Frontieres (Doctors, without Borders) clinic in Sierra Leone's second largest city of Bo. In the past two months all have lost a hand, some both, and others feet as well. There they sit day after day begging visitors for false

"People have lost all hope," said the Rev. Jacob Johnson, a Methodist minister. "They take one day at a time." But, had he and Momob known it, there was one event last week which might have sown a seed of hope. President Jacques Chirac of France flew to Washington claiming to have their plight very much on his mind.

The French leader was to discuss Africa with President Clinton, and, as its roll call of military leaders grows by the week, West Africa was topping the agenda Last week Niger suffered a coup. Now it seems like Guinea's turn. Chirac's thesis, that the West

ignores Africa's travails, was

His conclusion, that we should reassess our policies on the region, makes sense. But the key question is still - how to help? rights activists, claimed to have the solution.

"You have to get tough with our tin-pot leaders," she said. "Diplomacy does not work with them. For example it should be made clear that if our elections [due on February 26] are postponed, all aid will be cut off.

"More than that the West must stop treating these guys with respect. African despots like nothing more than jetting about. But they should not be allowed to travel."

Columnists in Abidjan, the cap-

ital of the Ivory Coast, last week echoed Bangura's refrain, but Western diplomats in the continent politely dismiss such ideas. "It just doesn't work," said one ambassador. "Look at Gaddafi. He's still in power. Dialogue is the only game in town, and you back



Diamond workers pan alluvial deposits into baskets on the banks of a river in Freetown.

it up by using IMF and World Bank loans as the carrot to bring

West Africa's problems are no different from the rest of the continent. Unequal division of

resources, an increasing gap between rich and poor and the politics of personality and patronage all play a part.

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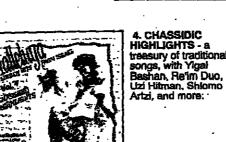
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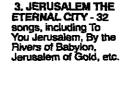








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ence of the donor countries in

Paris last December, the PA came

to the conclusion that European

money won't flow in their direction, and the only realistic course

of action is the industrial parks.

Palestinian economic sources

said the PA recently came under

pressure from the US State

Department to endorse the indus-

has been closely identified with

the plan, intended to create thou-

sands of privately financed jobs

for Palestinians, and has promised

to finance all infrastructure work

related to the establishment of the

American diplomatic sources

denied such pressure was exerted.

saying the US merely served as "a

go-between" to promote the issue

Diplomatic sources in

Jerusalem said Germany, Holland,

Britain and Japan have also

expressed interest in financing the

establishment of industrial parks,

though they prefer to do so only

after the first parks actually begin

of industrial parks.

The American administration

INFRASTRUCTURE work on the first Palestinian industrial parks will be completed within six months, at which it will be prepared to absorb new enterprises, Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir said yesterday after meeting with Palestinian Industry Minister Ahmed Qurei, also known as Abu Ala.

Work on the Karni site in the Gaza Strip has already started, and diplomatic sources said work will begin in upcoming weeks on sites at Muqeibla outside Jenin and Kedouri near Kalkilya.

Analysts said the aftermath of the meeting between Savir and Qurei may reflect a turning point in PA head Yasser Arafat's attitude toward the industrial parks, a concept to which he was opposed until recently since it involves a high degree of cooperation with the Israeli business sector.

Another aspect which makes Arafat balk in face of the plan is its recommendation that taxation and security within the zones be the responsibility of the companies running them.

It is believed that after a confer-

IAI in deals with **Poland, Hungary**

to operate.

ISRAEL Aircraft Industries has signed contracts to develop communications for two Eastern European countries, executives said yesterday. In one deal, Malam - IAI's electronic division - won a contract to develop a modern communications system in the Pila region of northwest Poland. Executives said the contract is with a European consortium for which IAI will plan for optical cables, as well as data relay and broadcast stations.

IAI also signed a contract with Hungary for the development of a commercial communications satellite. IAI director Moshe Keret said the signing was the firm's first achievement in entering the world satellite market after years of development. Keret expressed hope that local communications satellite Amos will be launched in the coming months.

Work starts on 'Banks not following PA industrial guidelines must return losses to customers'

Central bank issues stern warning

instructions on portfolio

The broadcast said that when

the customers realized Drarii was

exceeding their approved credit limit, they informed bank officials

- who said it was "Drarii's prob-

A customer was heard saying, "My credit limit was NIS 40,000. Immediately after they [Drarii]

started to buy shares, they pur-chased securities for about NIS

78,000. When we approached

them [the bank], they said you

don't have anything to worry about, everything is okay. Today, I have to return debts of

NIS 73,000 and have been left

said the appropriate organizations

are dealing with the customers'

complaints. Bank Massad, which

is a subsidiary of Hapoalim, said

In reaction, Bank Hapoalim

without money or shares."

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tomers' portfolios.

THE Bank of Israel announced yesterday it will force the commercial banks to offset losses suffered by customers whose credit limits were exceeded due to portfolio managers' abuse of their power of attorney and the banks' failure to operate in accordance with the central bank's directives

Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles said the banks have clear instructions not to allow a portfolio manager to go over a cus-tomer's credit limit for more than a two-day period.

Abeles was referring to the Bank Hapoalim and Bank Massad Haifa episode, which was revealed yesterday morning following Army Radio business reporter Yuval Landau's broadcast of interviews with dozens of customers.

The customers said they accumulated large debts, because Bank Happalim and Bank Massad cooperated with Eli Drarii, a private portfolio manager. The customers said the banks allowed Drarii to go over their approved credit limits by hundreds of per-

According to the radio broadcast, Drarii offered to manage customers' securities account and in exchange promised them a fixed monthly profit, irrespective of the performance of the securities on the stock exchange.

The broadcast said the method was simple - Drarii sent his customer to the Bank Massad branch situated under his office on Herzel Street in Haifa or to the nearby Bank Hapoalim.

the episode is being examined. The customers deposited their Drarii said the banks gave him money and signed documents to money, because he brought them approve their credit limits and new customers. "People lost a lot of money and so did I. They gave me, personally, NIS 500,000, and give power of attorney to Drarii. He then started to manage the cusearned interest, profited from commissions and savings plans, especially Bank Massad.

appropriate measures if it finds out the bank did not abide by stan-

done this in the past in the case of credit given to purchase securities without appropriate collateral. We asked the banks to reach independent conclusions against the branch managers and district managers which were involved in improper activities in accordance with bank management proce-

Earlier this week, Abeles said the Bank of Israel is investigating some 100 cases in which the banks may have given large loans for the purchase of securities without appropriate collateral.

Of the 1,500 customer complaints received by the supervision department, Abeles said 1,000 have been examined and 30% of the complaints were justified. He said he will ask Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to begin criminal proceedings against the people responsible.

nomic consultancy firm specializing in interest calculations, reported banks overcharged interest on linked shekel loans to 35 of the country's 55 local authorities.

charged commission fees.

The Bank of Israel said it will look into the episode and take dard management rules. Abeles advised customers with similar complaints to demand the banks compensate them for damage caused, and if the bank does not respond to turn to the Bank of

"If necessary, we will examine and reach conclusions. We have

In related news Sagy, an eco-

The firm said the interest for delay charged by the banks was higher than the maximum allowed by law, and that the banks over-

BUSINESS BRIEFS

The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected two petitions by Magen '94, an association of people who were encouraged by the banks to take out large loans to buy stocks and then lost their shirts when the market collapsed in early 1994. One petition asked the court to force the government to set up a commission of inquiry into the affair, but the court ruled that setting up such commissions is strictly the government's prerogative. The other petition challenged the appointment of Galia Maor as managing director of Bank Leumi, because she had been supervisor of banks divisor the 1002 beauty and the supervisor of banks divisor the 1002 beauty and the supervisor of banks divisor the 1002 beauty and the supervisor of banks divisor the 1002 beauty and the supervisor of banks divisor the 1002 beauty and the supervisor of banks divisor the supervisor that supervisor the supervisor of banks divisor the supervisor that supervisor the supervisor that banks during the 1983 bank shares collapse. This petition was withdrawn, at the court's suggestion, for technical reasons: Maor was not named as a respondent.

Buy 'blue and white' campaign begins: The Blue and White non-profit organization, part of the Blue and White Council, today officially launches a campaign to encourage consumers to buy locally made goods. Advertising agency Gitam kicks off activities with a logo selection competition under the slogan "The world buys Blue and White and the world is not a freier [sucker]."

The Council is sponsored by the Trade and Industry Ministry, the Manufacturers Association and the Histadrut:

Kibbutzim expected to sign debt deal, despite report

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE kibbutzim, banks and Treasury are expected to sign the kibbutz debt arrangement by the end of the month, despite the Procaccia Report's findings thast suggest the kibbutzim's debts to the banks were inflated.

During the last few days, the heads of the kibbutz movements have taken measures to speed up the signing of the agreement, fearing that the Kibbutz Headquarters Association, which commissioned the Procaccia Report, will prevent

its signing.
Kibbutz Movement Association (Takam) head Zvi Ben-Moshe said the arrangement will be signed next week, despite the revelations of the Procaccia Report.

"Recent developments are a result of the Kibbutz Headquarters Association's attempts to ruin the arrangement."

he said. "Anyone that has doubts can calm down, because the arrange-

ment will go ahead."

The Kibbutz Headquarters is pressuring the kibbutzim to check their alleged debts to the banks. hefore signing the agreement. which involves write-offs totalling about NIS 6 billion for 127 kibbutzim.

According to the Kibbutz Headquarters, which is a private association, the implications of the report are that many of the kibbutzim do not owe money to the banks, and in many cases the banks owe money to the kibbutz-

Signing the debt arrangement is subject, among other items, to the kibbutzim's agreement not to sue the banks in the future. Before signing the agreement, the kibbuzim will have to resolve several issues, including which assets will be sold in exchange for the debt write-offs.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat yesterday said it it is important to speed up the signing of the arrangement.

S. Africa's growth at 7-year high

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) -South Africa's economy grew by 3.3 percent in 1995, the highest rate of expansion in seven years, after 2.7% in 1994, the Central Statistical Service said vesterday.

But the pace of growth in gross domestic product (GDP) slowed somewhat in the fourth quarter as manufacturing industry started to run up against capacity con-

Most economists said the recovery should regain momenturn in 1996, this time buoyed by a strong rebound in agriculture after the country's parched farms received the best rains in years.

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Annualized GDP growth dipped to 2.7% in the three months to end-December from 3.0% in the



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third quarter, as manufacturing contracted by 2.8% after a long

run of rapid expansion. "After that surge, it's not surprising there has been some pull back in manufacturing... I wouldn't view this as any serious slowdown," said Dave Mohr, economist at leading assurer Old

Mohr said he was still expecting growth of over 4% in 1996, possibly beating the 4.2% recorded in 1988 - which would make 1996 the best year for growth

Reserve Bank governor Chris Stals also painted an upbeat outlook picture for the economy on Tuesday, telling reporters: "It is not over-optimistic to talk about [real GDP growth of] 4% for

He noted that accelerated growth, following declines in GDP at the start of the decade during the darkest days of apartheid, had started to strain South Africa's manufacturing capacity.

But heavy investment in the last two years was now adding to

capacity, he said. Much of the recovery this year will come from the primary sector. where heavy rains could double the all-important maize crop from last year's 4.23 million tonnes.

At the same time, the country's hard-pressed gold mining industry should start to recover, helped by bullion's push above \$400 an ounce, after last year's 10.5% plunge in gold output and stagnant

But stripping out the primary sector, which dragged down the economy last year, the picture is not quite as rosy.

ABSA economist Adam Jacobs said the non-primary economy will struggle to maintain last year's growth, particularly given the strength of the rand which will hamper exports.

The rand will have to give

some ground to keep our industry internationally competitive," he

affairs subcommittee yesterday. Zeevi said the company has

BEZEO wants to lower its prices for international calls and calling cards, but the Communications Ministry will not let it, Bezeq deputy managing director Ze'ev Zeevi told the Knesset State Control Committee's consumer

wanted "for a long time" to lower both international rates and the price of its Bezequard calling cards, but the ministry has

Bezeq, Ministry clash over prices EVELYN GORDON

However, Communications Ministry director-general Shlomo Wachs replied that the company had not just asked permission to lower international rates.

Bezeq had asked that this reduction be part of a package which would include an increase in rates for local phone calls, and this the ministry was not willing

However, Wachs continued, the ministry would permit the company to lower its international rates next month, when the tender for a second international carrier is

In the meantime, he said, con-. sumers are not really suffering, because international rates have gone down 40%, in real terms, since January 1994.

Both subcommittee chairman Ra'anan Cohen (Labor) and Dan Tichon (Likud) said it was not clear, due to the conflicting versions, what was going on, but it seemed like the consumer was the loser in the battle between the ministry and the company.

The two MKs therefore said they intended to initiate legislation setting up a public authority to oversee all communications services.

Tower Semiconductor reports increase in net profit

TOWER Semiconductor yesterday reported a 113 percent rise in fourth quarter net profits to \$6.4 million from \$3m. in 1994.

Quarterly revenues went up to \$28.8m. from \$17.1m in the parallel period, while earnings per share rose to \$0.49 from \$0.32.

Annual net profits jumped to \$20.4m. from \$7.8m. in 1994. Revenues went up to \$99.6m.

from \$57.7m., while earnings per share rose to \$1.76 from \$1.03. Tower executed a second share offering in July of last year, rais-

Aladdin Knowledge Systems has announced a rise in fourth quarter net profits to \$924,000 from \$774,000.

Quarterly revenues went up to \$3.42m. from \$2.53m., while earnings per share went up to \$0.14 from \$0.12.

Annual net profits increased to \$3.38m. from \$2.43m. Revenues rose to \$11.34m.

from \$7.38m., while earnings per share went up to \$0.51 from \$0.38. At the end of this month, Aladdin will make a series of pre-

sentations to US investors and

shareholders. announced an •ScanVec increase in fourth quarter net profits to \$460,316 from \$408,943 in

Quarterly revenues went up to \$2.96m. from \$2.19m. while earnings per share fell to \$0.11

from \$0.14. Annual net profits rose to \$1.76m. from \$1.24m. Revenues went up to \$10.6m.

from \$7.79m., while earnings per share rose to \$0.54 from \$0.41. Over the course of the year, the company increased its number of shares to 4,164,130 from 3 mil-

CEO Dr. Ramon Harel said the company continues to invest in research and development. Demand had increased, he said, for the company's new digital printing product for the sign

Sales of new release OptiTex, a product geared to the textile industry, were \$320,000 in the

COMPANY RESULTS RACHEL NEIMAN

fourth quarter. Communications. Teledata announced annual net losses of \$1.18 million, compared with net gains of \$618,580 in 1994.

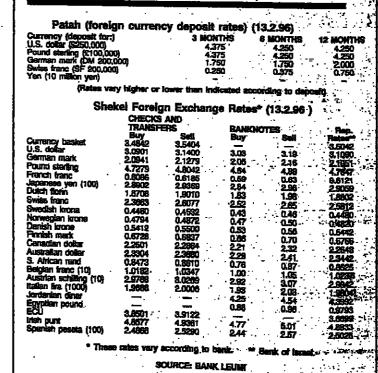
Revenues rose to \$32.12m. from \$29.25m. in the previous year. The company reported fourth quarter net profits of \$715,481, compared with net losses of \$4m.

Quarterly revenues increased to \$10m. from \$4.15m. Gross margins fell to 39.9% from 52%. Teledata said it would be investing resources and engineering efforts to reduce costs and increase margins in 1996.

Together with its annual report, Teledata announced that president Robert Hartman would be leaving the company by the end of the year and would continue until that time to serve in a limited executive role.

For the past year, Hartman shared management responsibilities with Joseph Atsmon, who continues on as CEO. Last year Atsmon oversaw Teledata's restructuring:

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Inflation fears drop indexes

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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STOCK indexes fell for a second day amid concern inflation is accelerating, prompting expectations that the Bank of Israel will rase interest rates.

The Maof Index fell 1.16 percent to 210.08 and the Two-Sided Index fell 1.14% to 201.46.

Forecasts for January's Consumer Price Index increase, due to be announced today after the exchange closes, have ranged as high as 1.3%.

'There's a real lack of faith regarding economic policy," said Dror Kraus, a broker with Tel Aviv investment firm Haron &

The Bank of Israel last increased rates on February 1. when the rate at which it lends to banks rose to 14% from 13.7%.

Of 998 issues trading across the exchange, more than five times as many shares fell as rose. Almost NIS 98 million worth of shares traded, NIS 8.5 m. above Tuesday's level and about NIS 8m. above this month's trading level.

The most active share on the exchange, Koor Industries Ltd., fell 1.25% as NIS 10.4m. worth of shares changed hands.

The declines followed losses in Koor's American Depositary Receipts traded in New York, which fell Tuesday 1/8 to 191/8.

On February 6, Tel Aviv investment firm Meita Ltd. reported that assets held by mutual funds fell to NIS 16.01 billion shekels at the end of January from NIS 16.10b. at the end December. The decline came in part from redemptions worth NIS 197m. in January according to the report.

"The public is not in the market and the professionals are selling," said Kraus.

Kraus pointed to Discount Investment Corp., which has declined 7% from February 4 through Tuesday, even though it received an endorsement from the Union Bank of Switzerland. Discount Investment fell yesterday.

Investors have mixed feelings regarding early elections, expected to be held in late May or early June, said Kraus.

Advancing the elections is seen as pushing ahead the peace process and economic reform, he said. At the same time, investors are concerned that Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who is leading in polls, has not done enough to

improve the economy. People know that only after

the elections will there be peace and an economic plan," he said. .. While Peres says in every speech how important the economy is, he's sitting on his hands.'

Investors are also concerned about a weakening dollar compared to the shekel, Kraus said.

High interest rates draw investment dollars, which are then converted into shekels and deposited.

As more investors trade dollars for shekels, the price of the dollar declines and the shekel strengthens. Another interest rate increase is seen as likely to further boost shekel prices.

Exporters, paying expenses in shekels and earning in dollars, suffer lower profits as the dollar weakens against the shekel.

The shekel traded at 3.1130 to the dollar, compared to 3.1220 last Friday.

A week earlier, the shekel traded at 3.1420.

Only one share on the Maof Index rose: Osem Investments Ltd., which gained 1%. Investors perceived declines in the share earlier this week as having been exaggerated, said Kraus.

News reports have speculated Swiss concern Nestle was buying shares in Osem. Officials at Nestle which holds an option to buy 10 percent of Osem's common stock, refused to comment; the option expires in July.

The Renaissance Fund, connected to Israeli investment firm Claridge, announced this week that it had purchased 3.2% of Osem on February 5, bringing its stake in the food company up to

Clal (Israel) Ltd. fell 1.5%; Elbit Ltd. dropped 2.5%, and Bezeg fell 0.75%.

Declining chemical shares on the Maof Index included Israel Chemicals Ltd., which fell 2%, and Dead Sea Bromine Ltd., which fell 0.5%. Dead Sea Works Ltd. closed unchanged.

Index-listed banks fell news reports that kibbutzim may seek to reassess the debts they owe to banks.

Reports that local banks inflated interest on debts owed them by kibbutzim have prompted declining share prices since last week. According to some assessments, the banks could in fact owe the kibbutzim money.

Bank Hapoalim fell 0.5%; Bank Leumi fell 1.25%, and First International Bank of Israel de-(Bloomberg) creased 1%

FTSE drops 2.6 points

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Leading shares ended mixed, resisting the temptation to follow a weaker Dow, down around 30 points, in the light of the the US market's recent volatility.

The FTSE closed 2.6 points down at 3,745.0.

FRANKFURT - German shares end stagnant bourse trade lower with little prospect for recovery in the post-bourse session. Dealers say investor activity low, weak dollar and Bunds weighing on market.

Sentiment cautious, consolidation seen continuing until DAX option expiry on Friday. The 30-share DAX index ended down

6.84 points at 2,427.07. In post-bourse trade the DAX was down 8.32 at 2427.77.

PARIS - French shares finished lower, weighed down by weaker bond prices, a drop in the franc and a fall in early trading on Wall Street. Corporate results i showing sluggish economic activity and a newspaper report that Paribas would show a big loss for the year also pressured prices.

The CAC-40 Index finished down 26.95, or 1.36 percent, at

Dow closes lower, snaps string WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Bluechip stocks closed with double digit losses yesterday as heavy profit-taking broke the market's seven-session run into the record

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial

average was off 21.68 points at 5,579.55, backtracking from Tuesday's record of 5,601.23.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines by a narrow margin on heavy volume of 421 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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champions in 1988 and 189.

these veterans with two young forwards, 22-year-old Nikolaos

Ekonomou and 21-year-old

Franiskos Alvertis, who average

However, the team's outside

shooting is suspect, as

Panathinaikos makes only 30.5% of its shots from behind the arc.

Maccabi has never lost at home

to Panathinaikos in five attempts

and is 7-4 overall against them is

The tip-off of tonight's game, scheduled to be broadcast live on

Channel 1, will be at 9 pm.

the championships.

17.2 and 11.1 points respectively

Panathinaikos has surrounded

Nar

Kiwis make England pay for defensive lapses

AHMEDABAD (Reuter) - New Zealand took advantage of England's failings to snatch an 11run win in the group B opening match of the 1996 World Cup yes-

New Zealand opener Nathan Astle, dropped on one, went on to score 101, his third century in one-day internationals, to guide his side to an impressive 239 for six from their 50 overs after they were out in to bat.

Despite a brave 85 from Graeme Hick, who batted with a runner after damaging his hamstring, England could muster only 228 for nine in their 50 overs against tight bowling and fielding.

Astle was one of four catches put down by England in a shoddy fielding display, although they managed to restrict New Zealand to just 43 runs in the last 10 overs of their innings.

But apari from Hick, few England batsmen looked up to the challenge of scoring an average of 4.8 runs per over to win, and their day was summed up when Hick was run out following a mix-up between his runner, captain Mike Atherton, and Neil Fairbrother.

Man-of-the-match Astle brought up his century in just 126 balls with eight fours and two towering sixes off seamers Darren Gough and Peter Martin, making England pay in full after Graham Thorpe spilled a low chance offered by him in the third over.

Thorpe missed Astle's fellow opener Craig Spearman in the next over, while Atherton and Dominic Cork also spilled regulation chances.

England's ground fielding was sloppy, and afterwards Atherton team manager Ray Illingworth acknowledged their side's out-cricket had cost them the match.

Illingworth said: "If we had taken those chances early on it would have been a different game.



STUMPED - England captain Mike Atherton reacts in dismay after being run out as Graeme Hick's runner.

It was as we did in South Africa. "It's an area we have worked hard on, but when it has come to the crunch we have missed the

Atherton said: "Our batting and howling was not too bad but the fielding was poor. It cost us 20 or 30 runs and the match."

With 10 overs to go in their innings, New Zealand stood at 196 for three, but the departure of Astle and Chris Cairns, who made a quick-fire 36 in 30 balls, cost them momentum.

Captain Lee Germon said: "We finished poorly as we should have got 270, but we knew 240 was a defendable total.

Hick reached his half-century in 59 deliveries with eight fours.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1/12, 2/108, 3/141, 4/196, 5/204, 6/212, BOWLING: D. Cork 10-1-36-1, P. Martin 6-0-37-1, D. Gough 10-1-63-0,R. Mingworth 10-1-31-1, G. Hick 9-0-45-2, C. White 5-0-21-0.

Richard Hall (20th) and an out-

minutes, later.

thrilling finale.

standing strike by Jason Dodd six

in the second half with an 53rd-

minute header by Rob Edwards

and a 76th-minute strike by

Ashley Westwood, setting up a

after Kevin Campbell, who scored

a goal in the original match, put

An 82nd-minute penalty by Ian

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But Crewe came storming back

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G. Hick run out

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New Zealand won by 11 runs.

Southampton clinches place in FA Cup final 16

LONDON (Reuter) - Premier League Southampton withstood a determined fightback to beat second division Crewe 3-2 in an FA Cup fourth-round replay, on Tuesday and clinch a place in the

Southampton will now visit Swindon, the only team above lowing Swindon's surprise 1-0 win over Oldham on Monday.

Unlike Southampton, Premier League Nottingham Forest, after riding out some early pressure. coasted through its fourth-round replay against second division opposition, winning 3-0 at Oxford

Forest will now meet Tottenham in the fifth round on Monday, a

after his own series of triumphs.

February, 1992 through ill-health.

'78 and over Real Madrid in Paris in '81.

repeat of the 1991 final which Spurs won 2-1.

73rd-minute Holdsworth goal gave Wimbledon a 1-0 victory in its fourth-round teplay over Premier League rivals Middlesbrough. Wimbledon now travels to first division promotion hopefuls Huddersfield in the next

First division Inswich secured a home tie against Premier League Aston Villa when it beat second division Walsall I-0 in their fourth-round match thanks to a sixth-minute goal by Paul Mason.

Southampton looked to be having things all its own way at Crewe by racing into a 3-0 lead after only 26 minutes - thanks to goals from Neil Shipperley (9th).

LIVERPOOL (AP) - Bob Paisley, who led Liverpool to three

European Champions Cup triumphs and six league titles in eight years, died yesterday after a long illness at age 77.

The most successful manager in English soccer history, Paisley took over in 1974 from Bill Shankly, who was figured irreplaceable

But after years as Shankly's No. 2, Paisley imposed his own style

of management on the Liverpool team. It gained its first Champions

Cup triumph in 1977 when it beat Borussia Moenchengladbach in

Rome and followed it up with victories over Bruges at Wembley in

Paisley, who was succeeded by Joe Fagan in 1983, stayed at the

club as a director but his 53-year Liverpool association ended in

utes later - his first goal for four months - clinched Forest's win. The only surprise of the night was the decision by Forest manager Frank Clark to drop Dutch international striker Bryan Roy and play Silenzi, a move that was **Bob Paisley at 77**

vindicated as Forest won away for the first time in 11 matches. In other developments, suspended Newcastle winger David Ginola's three-match ban may eventually end up keeping him

away from soccer for more than six weeks. Newcastle's match against Southampton on Saturday has been postponed because of the Saints FA Cup involvement and its fixture against West Ham next

Wednesday could also be delayed. That means Ginola, who last played against Bolton on January 20, may not complete his suspension until Saturday week.

Mansdorf causes row

ORI LEWIS

AMOS Mausdorf caused a storm in local tennis circles yesterday by accusing the Israel Tennis Association of mismanagement, saying it is run in "an amateur fashion, both from a professional and a financial

Mansdorf appeared on Educational TV's sports program SporTV on Channel 2 yesterday afternoon. He also attacked the Israel Tennis Academy, headed by Shlomo Glickstein, saying that he and the ITA are responsible for the relative dearth of top players.

Mansdorf said he recently resigned from the ITA's professional committee because he could not get his colleagues to agree to suggestions he had

Glickstein was unmoved by the criticism, saying that he and Mansdorf had an equal say. "Obviously, my arguments were more convincing.

ITA Chairman David Harnik dismissed Mansdorf's comments out of hand on Israel Radio last night, saving that Mansdorf has absolutely no idea about public management.

"Since his retirement from pro tennis. Amos is also a functionary. He is still used to the days when we (the ITA) agreed to his every wish. We had to agree his whimsical demands."

BRIAN FREEMAN

Do or die for Maccabi

the odds tonight and prolong its European season in the last game before driving the lane. of the Club Championships final

Olympiakos Ulkar Istanbul

MACCABI Tel Aviv tries to beat

A win over Panathinaikos at

Yad Eliyahu, combined with losses by Pau-Orthez and

Bologna, will give Maccabi the

fourth and final quarter-final spot

leave Maccabi with only the

league and State Cup with which

Maccabi's impressive win last

week at Cibona Zagreb has set the

stage for what is sure to be an all-

Although Panathinaikos is

already assured of advancing, a

win would give it a better chance

of finishing second - which would mean homecourt advantage

in the best two-of-three quarter-

Although Panathinaikos can still lose and finish second (if

Real loses and Orthez wins),

It must rebound from its two

consecutive home losses to re-

establish its dominance at Yad

One good sign is that Tom Chambers, who injured his

Achilles tendon early in the victo-

ry over Bnei Herzliya on Monday

and did not play the rest of the

game, has been given a clean bill of health for tonight's contest.

mer NBA star Dominique

Wilkens, which was so hyped

before the championships began,

has now become somewhat of a

sidelight. However, the battle

between these two could well set

the tone of the game, as they late-

ly have both been playing their

best ball of the season (see

Although Wilkens missed the

first encounter with Maccabi in

December, Panathinaikos won 67-

62 to go 6-1 and end the first half

of the final pool two games ahead

of its nearest competitor and

seemingly on to an easy first-

But since then, Panathinaikos

has lost four of its last six games

to look increasingly vulnerable -

especially with a loss to last-place

Benfica Lisbon and two consecu-

tive defeats on its own court after a 15-game European home winning streak that spanned three sea-

One glaring difference has been

a deterioration in Panathinaikos's

famed defense, which was the key

reason for the team's appearance

in the past two European Final

Fours (where it lost both years to

After holding opponents to only

the

62.4 points in the first seven

Panathinaikos is now allowing

The team is centered around

2.17-meter Stojan Vrankovic,

who averages 12.5 points and 11.2

rebounds a contest and generally

makes any player think twice

81.8 in the second half.

Olympiakos in the semifinals).

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games

His matchup against fellow for-

Maccabi has no such luxury.

to be concerned (see box).

Any other combination will

pool.

from Group B.

out battle.

final series.

Panathinaikos management, determined to get over the hump and win its first European title, went on a sending spree during the summer. It signed Wilkens to a \$7 million, two-year contract, obtained experienced point guard John Korfas from PAOK Salonika and pried super-coach Bozidar Maljkovic from

Maljkovic led Limoges to a European title triumph in 1993. adding to the two titles he won

molding a young Split team into

European Club Championships Barcelona Panathinalios Real Madrid Psu-Orthez Buckler Bologna Maccabi Tel Aviv

A little help from

our friends MACCABI Tel Aviv needs help if it is to make the quarter-finals: Buckler Bologna must lose to visiting Real Madrid, and Pau-Orthez

must lose to visiting Cibona Zagreb. In that scenario. Maccabi, Cibona and Orthez would all be tied for the last quarter-final spot at 7-7. Maccabi would advance due to a better record in the games played among the tied teams (3-1) than either Cibona (2-2) or Orthez (1-3).

If Bologna wins and becomes one of the teams with a 7-7 mark there is no way Maccabi can advance.

Although the odds are long that the right series of events will occur, Maccabi is lucky that in both these games, the team Tel Aviv needs to win also has a stake in a victory and is not just playing out

Backler Bologna vs. Real Madrid The good news for Maccabi is that Real defeated Bologna 76-71 in the first meeting, and the Spaniards need a victory to ensure a place in one of the top two spots - which would mean a home-court advantage in the quarter-finals.

The bad news for Maccabi is that Bologna - in winning three of its last four contests - has been playing its best basketball of the season, and is at home tonight.

Pau-Orthez vs. Cibona Zagreb Pau-Orthez has also been playing its best basketball in the stretch run - winning three of its last four games and four straight at home, there this encounter takes place.

In addition, Cibona has lost four of its last five contests and its only victory on the road in six attempts this season was against lastplace Benfica Lisbon in the first week of the final pool. However, Zagreb - which defeated Pan-Orthez 83-78 earlier in the

season, knows that it still has a good chance to advance if it wins. BF

The 20,000 club

TONIGHT'S game marks the first The following is a comparison time—in European Club—of Wilkens and Chambers time Championships history that two season in the championships a former NBA players with more than 20,000 lifetime points -Maccabi Tel Aviv's Tom Chambers and Dominique Wilkens of Panathin ikos – have squared off against each other.

well as during their NBA careers. Although neither has lived up to their clubs' lofty pre-season expectations, both have been the championships.

2-pt. 48.9% 53.5% 47.9% Last 4 games NBA career Tom Chambers

Killers on the road

NEW YORK (AP) - The Timberwolves, 76ers, Nets and Raptors all did the unlikely Tuesday night, winning their fifth, fourth, sixth and fourth road games of the season, respectively. Minnesota sent Sacramento to its season-high fourth straight loss with a 94-90 victory, Philadelphia edged Milwaukee 104-101. New Jersey stunned Indiana 101-92 and Toronto surprised Miami 98-87.

"The first game after the All-Star break is always very difficult and I know that we were one of the last teams Sacramento wanted to play after not practicing for five days." Minnesota coach Flip

Saunders said. "We've lost a lot of games, but we play hard and make the other team work for its baskets, and despite our record we're a dangerous team to play." Vernon Maxwell of the Sixers

wasn't so long-winded. "Any win we get, it's like a championship. We haven't got but 10 wins."

Butch Beard, whose New Jersey Nets ended Indiana's 17-game home winning streak, put his team's victory in simple terms.

"We did a hell of a job tonight. What we did was play very good basketball. We played smart basketball_" For the Raptors, the post-game

mood was ecstatic.

"Road kill! Isn't that what they call it?" Carlos Rogers said. Timber wolves 94, Kings 90
Mitch Richmond had three 3-point

ers and scored 11 points in less than two minutes to create a 90-90 tie, but two minutes to create a 90-90 tie, but Tom Gugliotta hit a jumper with 58 seconds remaining and, following a turnover by Richmond, Sam Mitchell's two free throws concluded the second

the scoring.
76ers 104, Bucks 101
Maxwell scored 14 of his 24 points in the final quarter for Philadelphia, which entered the game with the worst record in the NBA Vin Baker had 28 points and 17 rebounds for the Bucks, but he and Terry Cummings both fouled out trying to contain Maxwell in the open

Nets 101, Pacers 92 Armon Gilliam scored 17 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter, and New lersey had a late 11-0 run. Nets ended a six-game road trip with two victories and four close Raptors 98, Heat 87

Damon Stoudamire scored 29 oints and Toronto outscored Miami by 24 points in the third quarter. Janz 114, Spars 111... John Stockton hit a leaning 3-point-er with five-tenths of a second left to

give Utah the road victory. "My main focus was not to take the 3, but when David Robinson came to help, it forced me beyond the arc," said Stockton, who finished with 18 points and 16 assists. "The shot felt good when I let it go. My feet were balanced and I got a good look at the basket

Charles Smith and Monty Williams stayed in San Antonio's locker room in the first half, apparently due to a last-minute snag in the Kuicks-Sours trade. Smith had seven points and two rebounds in the second balf. Warriors 99, Trail Blazers 98

Warriors 99, Trail Blazers 98
Golden State scored the final six points of the game to sum the Trail Blazers at Portland.
Golden State, who had been (P-19 when trailing entering the fourth quarter, got 25 points from the Trail Sprewell.

Michael Jordan had 32 points, Scottie Pippen 26 points and Schicago improved to 23-6 at home.

Magic 121, Recommend 30 points in the first game space as Ad-Star MVP snub; and Orlands inthibuted to 26-0 at home.

MVP suit: and Orbital antiques to 26-0 at nome.

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Gary Payton had 23 points and 10 assists, Shawn Kemp had 12 points and 14 rebounds and Heraey Hawkins scored 21 points and made three free throws in the hectic final 10th seconds at Phoenic. at Phoenix. Seattle won for only the 17th time. in 77 games at Phoenix

TUESDAY'S RESULTS:
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NHL - Tuesday's results: Detroit 9, Los Angeles 4; St. Louis 3, Tar Washington 3, Calgary 2; Vancouver 5, Whanipeg 4. COLLEGE BASKETBALL - Therefore's results: Top 25: No. 10: Vership, Bell (19-2) best Liberty 56-53. No. 14. Georgetown (20-5) best No. 21 Boston Callege 66-63. No. 19 Iowa (18-6) best Mickigan 62-55. TENNIS - World No. 1 Thomast Muster was upset by Au at the Dubal Open yesterday, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (7-0),

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Also on the program is the premiere of Ben Zion Orgad's Philigrins No. 5 while Guy Braunstein performs Bruch's violin concerto. Saturday through Monday and next Thursday in Beersheba, Tuesday at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem and Wednesday in Ashdod. 8:30.

The Ashdod Chamber Orchestra under music director Louis Gorelick performs Saturday (8:30) at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Shostakovich and Mozart.

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Irina Berkovich presents a piano recital Suzame Dellal Center in Tel Aviv. Saturday (8:30) at the Bible Lands Museum, Jerusalem playing selections by Bach and Schubert as well as Moussorgsky's Pictures at an

The Thelma Yellin Symphony Orchestra performs Saturday (8:30) at the Noga Theatre in Jaffa under Menahem Nebenhaus a program of compositions by Smetana, Paul Ben Haim, Mozart and Mendelssohn with bassoonist Elinoi Yogev as soloist.

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HAVA Alberstein returns to the stage after a long absence performing an intimate evening featuring old and new songs alike. Tonight at 9 at the



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6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 The Cairo Geniza 8:30 Reading comprehension 8:45 Society 9:25 Young children's programs 10:00 Family relations 10:30 Art 10:55

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E CHANNEL 1

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15:30 Denver, the Last Dinosaur 15:55 Boot Street Band - BBC school comedy 16:20 Animal Smiles - game show 17:00 A New Evening 17:35 Zap - Culture 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 People and Places 18:45 Ramadan Quiz 19:00 News HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 Every Evening with Merav Michaeli 20:00 Mabat News 21:00 Basketball: Maccabi Tel Aviv vs. Panathnikos Greece 23:30 News magazine 24:00 Verse of the Day

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13:00 Fireman Sam 13:10 Disney's Aladdin 13:30 The Legends of Treasure Islands 14:00 My Secret Identity – comedy 14:15 NBA 15:01 The New Leave it to Beaver – comedy 15:40 Adventures of the Old West - documentary 16:30 Gillette World Sport special 17:00 French pro-grams 19:30 News headlines 19:35

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■ MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 Film 16:30 Moomins 16:55 Heathclift 17:20 Inspector Gadget 17:45 Flying House 18:10 Hawaii Five-O 19:10 Magnum P.I. 20:00 World News Tonight Arabic 20:30 CNN Headline News 21:00 Blue Skies 21:30 Jake and the Fatman 22:20 Law and Order 23:10 The 700 Club 00:00 Special Program

minally ill mother of 10 tries to find homes for all her offspring. Based on

a true story. Starring Ann-Margaret and Cathryn Damon 00:00 Mattock

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E FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 Not Far From Home 11:25 Celeste 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The Trials of Rosie O'Neill 14:50 Falcon Crest 15:45 ENG 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Antonella 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 The Great Defender 21:40 The Babe (1992) - John Goodman stars as Babe Ruth, in this somewhat Babe Ruth, in this somewhat bowlderized biography of the Sultan of Swat and baseball's greatest legend. Also starting Kelly McGillis, Trini Alvarado and Bruce Boxleitner. Directed by Arthur Hiller 23:45 Sisters 00:35Counter Offensive 1:50 Knots Landing 2:40 Woman without a Past 3:30 Dempsey and Makepeace 03:55Counter Espionage

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Miss Beatty's Children - Indian movie 12:25 Jour de Fete (1947) (rpt) 13:45 Mad Ads 14:15 Rose and the Jackal (1992) - romantic drama set against the backdrop of the American Civil War. A senior officer in the Northern Army falls in love with in the Northern Army falls in love with a lady from the South. Starring Christopher Reeve and Madolyn Smith Osborne. (90 mins.) 15:50 Murder C.O.D. (1990) (rpt) 17:25 Short Circuit (1986) (rpt) 19.00 What's New in the Movies? 19.10Romero (1989) - drama based on facts related to the 1977 elections on facts related to the 1977 elections in El Salvador 21.00 Naked (1993) -Mike Leigh's harsh portrait of a charming brute. Starring David Thewlis in a highly praised performance (131 mins.) 23.15 White Light (1000) (1990) - suspense drama about a police detective who is pronounced clinically dead after being shot. Against all the odds he recovers and goes out in search of the young woman whom he met when he was close to death. (92 mins.)
00.50Friday the 13th (2) (1981) Jason the killing zombie returns. As in the previous film, he eliminates boys and girls in a summer camp. (83 mins.) 2:15 Emanuelle 5 - erotica 3:40 Straight to Hell - crazy parody of spagnetti Westerns. Three crooks find themselves trapped in a

fee, with Dennis Hopper, Grace Jones and Elvis Costello. (82 mins.) 5:05 Short film - Not Afraid of Heights 5:20The Opponent (rpt)

E CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 8:05 Spiderman 9:00 C.O.W. Boys 9:05Beakman's World 10:10 High-school Comedy 10:45 Little House on the Prairie 11:40 Loony Toons 12:00 Saved by the Bell 12:30 Hugo 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 Treasure Island 14:00 Professor Iris 14:35Who Knows 67 15:40 Step by Step 16:10 Dad Rules 16:40 Adventures in a Lost Land 17:00 Odyssey 17:30 Saved by the Bell 18:00 Hugo 18:35 C.O.W. Boys 19:00 Spiderman 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Family Ties 20:55 Mork and Mindy 21:20 Cheers

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Night Moves (1975) - Gene Hackman stars as a private eye hired by an ageing movie star to trace her runaway daughter played by Melanie Griffith. He succeeds in by Melanie Grinith. He succeeds in returning the young woman to her mother, but things are not quite as simple as they seem. Directed by Arthur Penn 23:40 The Kreutzer Sonata (1987) - Russian production adapted from the novel by Lev Tolstoy. In the course of a train ride a man tells his carriage companion about a crisis in his marriage and discloses that he murdered his wife

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Science and Nature 12:00 Nature Films 13:00 The Next Step 13:30 Connections 14:00 Open University (rpt of morning's programs) 16:00 Nature Films
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16:00 News 16:15 From Day to Day - magazine on science, technology, agriculture and the environment 17:15 Series on Egyptian culture and traditions 18:00 NBA magazine and Inside Stuff 19:30 News in Arabic 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Telekessef 21:15 Doctors Talk 21:45 Each Dawn I Die (1939) - James Cagney and George Raft star in this intriguing tale of a scoop-hungry reporter who comes to grips with the district attorney, who has him charged with a crime that he didn't commit. (88 mins.) 00:00 Closedown

■ ETV2 (23)

14:30 Live Sport with Yoram Arbei school championship finals in hand-ball 17,00At the Bottom of the Sea with Delphi 17:30 Time Out 18:00 Jewish Mysticism 18:30 Soul of Africa 19:00 Zero Hour (rpt) 19:30 Magazine in Russian 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Preparation for Bagrut 21:00 Zombit Business 21:30 World History - the 1930s 22:00 70 Faces 22:30 Spirited Talk

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 ITN World News 7:15 US Market Wrap 7:30 Steals and Deals 8:00 Today featuring ITN World News and FT Business 10:00 Super Shop 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 The Squawk Box 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Ushuaia 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 NBC News Magazine 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Supersport 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien

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EUROSPORT

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Bride II 5, 7:30 * Mortal Combat 5 Phone reservations: Tel Aviv 5252244 [OS] Phone reservations: Haifa 728878 All times are p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1 Tie-pin came undone through restlessness (10) 6 Ran away from some wasp Edward caught (4) 9 Might be worth a toss (5)
- with cooking (5.4) 12 Fergusson left disorder as a result of a poor memory (13) 14 Flood is finished, after-
- might come round when first hearing of boy's indiscretion (6)
- entrance! (6) two regiments back round
- wards run smoothly (8) 15 Irrational fear that father
- 17 House officer saw first casualty trolley in the
- 19 Settler called soldiers from
- 24 Thoroughly unconscious so not worth considering (3,3,3) 25 Gave out as party started! -10 Mutton dish which rises
 - 26 Lock used on US campus?(4) 27 Sweet drink at dance (6-4)

21 Second generation produc-tion with lovely child (13)

- 2 Place up after father makes a fuss (7)
- (5.2.6)4 Flea-bane is about to be found in troubled region (8)
- DOWN 1 Very small character (4)

- into a tourist attraction

- 3 One old fort now turned

5 First cook gets second wind

7 This could be introduced to

8 Flight after feathers fall to

11 Awaiting the arrival of the

13 Expression of great delight

16 Continental good about

18 Firm having a last fling at 16 maybe (7)

20 Trench in part of India

22 Roam about and start up a

23 ...ebject of love might be

love affair ... (5)

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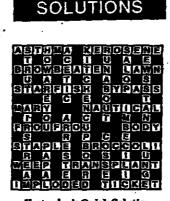
correct choice of seaside

from smug fellow (5,5)

bypass perhaps, without much enthusiasm (4-9)

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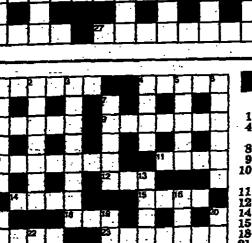
a lower position (10)



Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Paris, 4 Sending, 8 Recover, 8 Tanor, 19 Pay in, 11 Unhings, 13 Nude, 15 Tarzan, 17 Whisky, 28 Tote, 22 Develop, 28 Renow, 28 Relay, 27 Noisier, 28 Clear up, 29 Midge.

DOWN: TParapet, 2 Rocky, 3 Savanna, 4 Shroud, 5 Notch, 6 Innings, 7 Gorse, 12 Newt, 14 Unto, 18 Esvolve, 18 Heroism, 19 Yew-tree, 21 Open up, 22 Dorte, 23 Layer, 25 Naind.



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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS Porceful (6) 4 Dislikes very much (5) 8 Approximately (5) esponses (7) 10 Lower layer of earth (7) 11 Inactive (4) 12 Cat (3) 12 Cal (3) 14 Vegetable (4) 15 Thought (4) 18 Speak (3) 21 Mountain range

23 Obvious (7) 25 Port (7) 26 Topic (5) 27 Cook in the oven

28 Large boxes (6)

3 Grids (8) 5 Walk (5) 7 Defect (5) 13 Envoy (8)

DOWN I Accisim (6) 2 Difficulty (7) 4 Quieten (4) 6 Female relative (6)

16 High Mountain (7) 17 Male relative (6) 19 Long (5) 20 Enunciates (6) 22 Eskimo clothing 24 Price (4)

Police to open first station in east Jerusalem

BILL HUTMAN and STEVE RODAN

POLICE will open their first station ever in the Arab sector of eastern Jerusalem soon, to improve service to Arab residents and better fight the attempted infiltration by Palestinian Authority security agents into the city, The Jerusalem Post has learned.

The station is to be located in the main post office building on Salah A-Din Street, just outside Herod's Gate and in the heart of the Arab business district of Jerusalem, police sources said.

Dept. Cmdr. Ya'acov Shrental, Jerusalem police bureau chief, has led a team that over the past several weeks has been finalizing details about the establishment and operations of the new eastern Jerusalem police

Police for years have discussed the need for a station in eastern Jerusalem, and several times even announced one would be set up, but never followed through. In the latest case, however, with the strong backing of the Internal Security Ministry, the move has been finalized

The sources said renovation work would begin in the coming days on the offices in the post office building that are to be turned into a station, and estimated it would be opened

within about two months. Moshe Sasson, Arab affairs advisor to Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal, told the Post yesterday that "there has been a vacuum too long in police operations in eastern Jerusalem that has left room for the likes of (PA preventive security chief Jibril) Rajoub."

"We hope to have a police station opened on Salah A-Din Street in two to three weeks." that will beginning filling that vacuum, Sasson said.

Jerusalem police sources, however, emphasized the more traditional police work that would be conducted by the station, and said Palestinian Jerusalemites themselves had pushed for the station in hopes of improving crime-fighting in their neighborhoods.

The station will be manned by Arabic-speaking policemen. It will also have facilities for taking residents' complaints, according to the sources. If the station proves a success, other new stations in eastern Jerusalem are likely to follow, the sources said.



Pupils at Himmelfarb High School in Jerusalem's Bayit Vegan section yesterday practice studying under emergency conditions, as part of a nationwide drill of the Home Front Command. (Briss Headler)

Shahal: More funds needed to combat car theft

INTERNAL Security Minister Moshe Shahal yesterday repeated his demand for more police manpower and a greater budget to combat car thefts.

Shahal presented the Knesset Interior Committee with the report by the interministerial committee report on the subject, which was led by General (res.) Ya'acov Lapidot, and said the police need 533 extra manpower positions and more equipment to deal with the problem, at a cost of NIS 100 million. Shahal said he would request this budget at the

next Cabinet meeting. Committee chairman Yehoshua Matza called on the prime minis-

ter to immediately intervene and immediately," Shahal said. forward the necessary funds. He also called on the government to stand firm on demands that the under Palestinian Police cooperate in fighting the problem of car thefts, in accordance with the Oslo Accords.

Matza expressed pessimism that the report's findings could be implemented in the immediate future because of the early elections. He also said he feared the report would be filed away like its predecessor from 1993.

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way carry out a terror attack." He asked the committee's legal advisor to begin drawing up leg-islation banning the import of spare parts from the territories, a

"This is not a report destined for the back of the drawer. The report will be implemented and

Matza said he feared "the thieves who sneak in from the ter-Palestinian Authority control and steal cars from the homes of Israeli citizens in the middle of the night could also, heaven forbid, in the same

step supported in principle by Shahal.

Peretz, Shohat try to resolve Rafael dispute DAVID RUDGE

HISTADRUT. Chairman Amir Perezz met Finance Minister Ayraham Shohat last night in an effort to resolve the ongoing dispute at Rafael, where workers again demonstrated yester-

day. Union officials said some progress had been made on several issues, but there are still differences over the Histadrut and workers' demands to defer for two years proposals to turn Rafael into a public company....

The upbeat reports on the negotiations failed, however, to prevent more disturbances at the armaments development authority plant, south of Acre.

Tempers boiled over when one of the 70 workers who have been on hunger strike near the factory gates since Sunday morning was suddenly taken ill. He was rushed to the hospital with a suspected heart attack.

Workers inside the plant downed tools when they learned of the matter and gathered near the gates, where the hunger strikers, who are among 90 employees facing dismissal, have pitched a protest tent.

The angry workers blocked the factory gates and set alight a pile of tires. During the demonstration, another of the hunger strikers was also taken ill and had to receive medical treatment.

David Zuckman, chairman of the workers action committee, called on Prime Minister Shimon Peres to accept the Histadrut's proposals to resolve the Rafael crisis and "end the suffering of

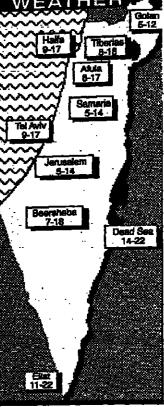
He warned that a tragedy could occur at the plant, given the state of health of the hunger strikers. and the angry and bitter mood of

The Histadrut and the workers say the cutbacks in the work force proposed by management can be achieved by voluntary retirements rather than lay offs. They have agreed to 400

employees leaving of their own accord provided there will be no more dismissals until the end of 1997. The remaining workers are also willing to accept a wage cut of around nine percent over the

In return they are pressing the Treasury, the Defense Ministry, and management to give a commitment to defer plans to turn Rafael into a public company for at least two years.

Yigal Cohen, head of the trade union department in the Histadrut's Haifa branch, said agreements had been reached with the Treasury, after three days including severance pay terms and pension rights.



AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards

n yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daiv Chance card draw, the lucky ands were the king of spades, ring of hearts, jack of diamonds. and ten of clubs.

Haggai Amir pleads innocent

HAGGAI AMIR, accused of conspiring to murder prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, yesterday pleaded not guilty in Tel Aviv District Court, saying he only heard about what his brother Yigal had done, and about his earlier attempts to kill Rabin, after the fact.

His lawyer, Moshe Meroz, also asked for a separate hearing on the admissibility of the statements his client made to his interrogators, which he said were illegally obtained.

Meanwhile, lawyer Zion Amir, representing Dror Edni, also accused of conspiring to murder Rabin, asked to have the Prisons Service move his client from Shatta Prison near Afula to one in the center of the country, to make it easier to meet with him. Yigal Prison and his brother at Nitzan Prison.

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